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## 2011 Sessions Schedule

## 2011 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

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**Sessions Coordinator:** Katherine Fisher

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## Minutes of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

*In this publication, a Friend's meeting affiliation will often be identified with an abbreviated meeting name after the individual's name. A key to these abbreviations is on pp. 128/129.*

### Saturday Evening, August 6

1. The New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends gathered on Saturday evening, August 6, 2011 for its 351<sup>st</sup> Annual Sessions at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, singing as we entered. Out of gathered worship, the clerk, Linda Jenkins (NSan), welcomed all to this, our celebration at the ending of our 350<sup>th</sup> year.

2. Members of the clerks' table were introduced: Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk; Rebecca Leuchak (Prov) and Brian Drayton (Weare), recording clerks; Frances Brokaw (Han), and Will Jennings (BHill), reading clerks.

3. In her welcome, the clerk reminded us that this week together our theme is *350 Years of New England Friends: Called to Heal a Broken Earth*. We recognize the number 350 is shorthand for our crisis condition: human behavior has taken us past the point of no return. It will take a miracle to recover the condition of the earth that our human conduct has brought. She said that this is our cross: 350 represents the parts per million of carbon dioxide in the air that allows the earth to be as most of us knew it as children.

Three hundred fifty is also the number of years we have been a faith community in New England. That is our joy. And both bring us to the spirit.

Two hundred fifty of us began our celebration of 350 years of New England Friends on Friday, with singing and waiting worship at the Great Meetinghouse in Newport. Our community is part of our heritage. One form of corporate witness we need to recognize is that of the people who give their lives, or big chunks of them, for and with our community. This week we celebrate who we are.

4. We began that celebration by introducing the monthly meetings by quarters.

5. The clerk then acknowledged and welcomed children born in the last three years, who were held high and warmly welcomed.

6. The clerk took a census of modes of transport to Sessions, asking how many Friends came to the gathering by foot, by horse, by bicycle, by public transportation including ferry, and in cars by number of passengers.

7. Year-round staff, our helping hands and souls, were introduced and recognized with appreciation: Frederick Martin (Mon), accounts manager; Jodi Goodman, archivist; Beth Collela (Well), Christian Education coordinator; Jeffrey Hipp (Camb), communications director and office manager; Kevin Lee (Wport), pastoral counselor; NiaDwynwen Thomas (Law), Young Friends and Young Adult Friends coordinator; Kevin Lee (Wport), Junior Yearly Meeting retreat coordinator; Gretchen Baker-Smith (Wport), Junior High Yearly Meeting retreat coordinator; Jonathan Vogel-Borne (Camb), Yearly Meeting secretary; Nathaniel Shed (Vass), Friends Camp director (on sabbatical), and Jeff Adelberg (acting Friends Camp director). The clerk thanked outgoing staff for their years of faithful service: former accounts manager Allison Hersey (Mon) and archivist Marnie Miller-Gutsell (Smith).

8. The clerk then introduced the Sessions staff and volunteers: access needs coordinator Jana Noyes-Dakota (NLon), audio-visual coordinator, Neil Blanchard (Fram), Bible Half Hour speaker Maggie Edmondson (Wint), bookstore coordinators Sandy Moyer (Mon) and Virginia Bainbridge (NLon), Children's Bookstore coordinators Karen Sargent (Worc) and Christopher McCandless (Bur), database manager, Clifford Harrison (Camb), elder for the presiding clerk Kody Hersh (Southeastern YM), housing coordinator Josiah Erikson (Mon), Information Desk volunteers, Eric Edwards (WFal), Christel Jorgenson (Camb) and Nancy Marstaller (Dur), office assistant Priscilla Ewen (Camb), on-site sessions coordinator Richard Frechette (Southeastern YM), Plenary Room/display coordinator Bruce Kay (Stor), registrar Laurel Swan (Hart), Sessions children's peacemaker Nancy Shippen (FPon), Sessions Committee clerk Jean McCandless (Bur), special needs childcare Ed Kerwin and Emma Lippincott, special nominating data entry Delia Windwalker (Fram), shuttle coordinator Barbara Dakota (NLon), Spanish interpreters: Mary Hopkins (Camb), Susan Furry (Smith) and Benigno Sanchez-Eppler (Nham), Speakers and Presenters: Steve Chase (Put), John Sheldon (Britain YM) and Greg Williams (NBed), treasurer Ed Mair (Ames), volunteer coordinator Betty Poynton (Worc), YM News editor Liz Yeats (South Central YM).

The clerk noted that NEYM has 29 standing committees, many with working groups, made up of very hard-working people, too many to mention but much appreciated.

9. Visitors and representatives of organizations stood and introduced themselves: Stephen Angell, (Oxford MM, Ohio Valley YM), professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham School of Religion; Adela Gonzalez-Longoria, clerk of Gibara MM (Cuba YM) and Dikson Santiesteban, pastor Puerto Padre MM (Cuba YM) representing Puente de Amigos; Eden Grace (BHill), Friends United Meeting field staff; Kody Hersh (Miami MM, Southeast YM) elder for presiding clerk; Traci Hjelt Sullivan (Green Street MM, Philadelphia YM) Friends General Conference Gathering coordinator; Judy Lumb (Atlanta MM, Southern Appalachian YM and Association); Robin Mohr (San Francisco MM, Pacific YM) Friends World Committee for Consultation, executive secretary, Section of the Americas; Newell Pledger-Shinn (Clear Creek MM, Ohio Valley YM); Diane Randall (Hart), Friends Committee on National Legislation executive secretary; John Sheldon (Central England Area Meeting, Britain YM) choral director, *The Fire and the Hammer*; Marian Sheldon (Central England Area Meeting, Britain YM); Susan Stark (Clear Creek MM, Ohio Valley YM); Liz Yeats (Friends Meeting of Austin, South Central YM) YM News editor.

10. The clerk expressed her gratitude for our heritage at this, her last sessions in this role, by reading the names of the presiding clerks who have served since our reunification in 1945: Arthur Jones, Winslow Osborne, George Bliss, Thomas R. Bodine, Ruth F. Osborne, Gordon M. Browne, Jr., Caleb Smith, Sylvia Perry, Janet Hoffman, William Kriebel, Elizabeth Cazden, Margaret Wentworth, Elizabeth Muench, Anne Kriebel, Deana Chase, and Christopher McCandless. Those previous clerks who were present stood and, on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, a prayer of thanks was offered for their service.

11. The clerk gave her message:

This week is about worship, how we worship with our bodies, our voices, and our stillness. This week we will experiment with inviting the spirit to be present with us in different ways. The cornerstone of our faith is our belief that each of us has direct access to the divine, and out of that flow



all of our testimonies. Our business practice is grounded in the practice of seeking and obeying the guidance that comes from this direct individual and corporate connection with the divine.

All branches of present day Quakerism embrace this teaching, though not all individual Quakers do. To be alive, Quakerism changes and must continue to change. I believe that as a community, we all must come to grips with this teaching and practice, being gentle while we take risks of being honest about our conduct and beliefs: no specific words are required or prohibited. It is not easy to be a faithful Quaker. That's why I love this community and am so grateful for each and every one of us: because we keep showing up and engaging with the big questions and how to live them in everyday life.

And now a word about language. It is always an attempt to point to something ultimately unnameable. While we may not all agree with the choice of any individual's words, deeper meaning may unite us. It is part of our love for each other, for those present in the flesh and those present in spirit, that we always try to look for the spirit behind and through our words. On occasion, we will fail to speak out of spirit and to listen in spirit. Then our work is to help each other bear together, in love and good humor and direct words, the delights and infuriating multiplicities of our failures. I look forward to embracing these delights and infuriations with you this week.

This week promises exciting events. For our business sessions we will again use the unity agenda, we will again have meetings for extended worship to hear God's call, and Anchor groups will meet daily throughout the week.

12. Jean McCandless (Bur), clerk of the Sessions Committee, gave an overview of the week, including daily meetings of Anchor Groups and Bible Half-Hours with Maggie Edmondson. Last year was our 350<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. This year we celebrate this birthday again, as we end the 350<sup>th</sup> year with our 351<sup>st</sup> yearly meeting. Two hundred fifty of us joined in celebration at the Great Meetinghouse on Friday and we will be having a birthday party with cake on Sunday evening.

13. We appointed the following adult visitors to the youth yearly meetings: Childcare, Nancy Marstaller (Dur), Holly Baldwin (FPon); Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) K-2, Tom Libby (Well) and Patsy Shotwell (Well); JYM 3-4, Bill Walkauskas (NHav) and Trish Hogan (Cam); Junior High Yearly Meeting, Phil Veatch (FPon) and Frederick Martin (Mon); Young Friends, Charlotte Fardelmann (Dov) and Martha McManamy (Ames); Young Adult Friends, Judy Hyde (Storrs) and Eric Edwards (Sand).

14. Betty Ann Lee (Wport), Coordinator of JYM, introduced the youth programs coordinators, who in turn introduced their staff: Kimberly Walker-Gonçalves (Nham), Childcare; Aliza Correia (Wport), K-2; Margy Carpenter (BHill), 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; Carol Baker (West), 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; Gretchen Baker-Smith (Wport), Junior High YM; and NiaDwynwen Thomas, Young Friends and Katherine Fisher, Young Adult Friends.

15. Nancy Haines (Well) spoke for the NEYM Development Committee, reminding us that for 350 years New England Friends have come together at yearly Sessions. She urged us to ask ourselves what the Yearly Meeting means to each one of us and

to take this question back to our monthly meetings, to seek for ways to support the wider community.

16. We adjourned to Anchor Groups.

### **Sunday Evening, August 7**

17. During this morning's worship, Dikson Santiesteban, pastor of Puerto Padre meeting in Cuba Yearly Meeting, renewed the call we heard from Heredio Santos at NEYM Sessions in 1991, to share in building a bridge of love: *Puente de Amor*, *Puente de Amigos*. Dikson brought this concern for strengthening relations within the Quaker community, which is heir to many different traditions, cultures, and languages, and with our wider communities. When asked how Cuban Friends endured the Cuban crisis of the last many years, he replied, "Solidarity." Cuban Friends have maintained solidarity in both spiritual and material ways, preserving their community, and enabling it to be revitalized. To illustrate this, he told a story of how Quakers and non-Quakers in his town took shelter under one roof when Hurricane Ike struck the area. The *Puente de Amor*, the bridge of love, has come to have great meaning. Together, Friends from New England and Cuba have shared a great deal of happiness and sadness, and we have learned much.

But "from those to whom much is given, much is expected" (Luke 12:48). Dikson told of how he has been moved to call our young people to pay less attention to our internal differences, and turn to the work that awaits us outside. As Fox found, we are all one family, though we wear different masks. To some degree we are all responsible for our brother, and every thing we do, large or small, has consequence. Everything depends on how responsibly you act when you answer God's call. Dikson closed with the hope "that Christ our guide will lead us through this vale of shadows, through pressures, and crises, and onto the path of life and hope."

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18. During today's afternoon plenary, Steve Chase (Put) addressed the challenge of envisioning a community that is freed from dependence upon fossil fuels, is more just and ecologically sustainable, and is also spiritually satisfying. Friends have a unique vantage point from which to engage with the many challenges of climate change, and some of us are already alert and at work. These leaders, among whom our young adults are in the fore, have grappled with how to cope with the twin dangers of denial of the existence of the problem, and despair at its scope. He recommended that, once we accept the scientific evidence, we can avoid the paralysis of discouragement by

- being animated about what you can do within your sphere of influence, rather than waiting for a single common action
- being prepared, when led and as appropriate, to undertake nonviolent direct action to prevent harm and raise awareness—Jesus said to love your enemies, not to deny that you have any
- finally, taking guidance from Gandhi, couple protest and education with a constructive program—working to develop imaginative but realistic elements of the future we need to help bring about.

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19. The clerk introduced other members of the clerks' table: Beth Bussiere-Nichols (Port), reading clerk, and Ben Guaraldi (B Hill), clerk of Young Adult Friends, and thanked Frances Brokaw (Han) for her interim service as reading clerk on Saturday evening.

We welcomed the following visitors and representatives: Terri Johns, New London MM (Western YM), Friends United Meeting; Christine Greenland, Plymouth MM (PYM), Tract Association of Friends; Louis Cox (Bur), Quaker Earthcare Witness.

20. We heard the memorial minute for Harriette Reeves-Forsythe.

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### Harriette Reeves-Forsythe 1925–2010

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Hattie Reeves-Forsythe held an unwavering commitment to her family and friends, as well as a deep religious faith that led to her passion for many social concerns. She was a faithful best friend, wife to her two husbands, and the long-time matriarch of a large family.

Hattie was born in Reading, MA on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1925 to Adra and Harry Camp. Her father was an organist and had a pipe organ in the house. This instilled in Hattie a deep love of music and mysticism through the lens of her Congregational upbringing.

While attending Oberlin College to study economics, she encountered Quakerism and quickly began using plain speech, which she continued for the remainder of her life. In 1946 she married Davis Forsythe, a Quaker dairy farmer in Medford, NJ. There she raised four daughters, fed all the farm workers, and became a devoted first grade teacher. She welcomed her daughters' many friends to their home, as well as more than 50 international visitors, believing if the family couldn't travel, she could bring the world to them.

Hattie held a deep concern for divisions in Quakerism and tried to hold out on becoming a member until the Orthodox and Hicksite monthly meetings in Medford reunited. Her commitment to family was even stronger however; she joined so that her four daughters would be birthright Friends.

After Davis' death in 1978, Hattie began to travel, visiting her international Friends, and spending time at Pendle Hill. Through her involvement with Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, she met John Reeves and they were married in 1979.

Some highlights from Hattie's lengthy committee service among Friends include serving as clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Worship & Ministry Committee, as a member of their Peace Committee, and the *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee. In Medford Monthly Meeting she served on the Nominating as well as Overseers committees. Additionally she was on the board of the John Woolman Memorial House in Mt. Holly, NJ.

She served on the board of Woolman Hill Quaker Center in Deerfield, MA for many years, including serving as clerk of the board as it worked out the details of receiving the gift of the North Dartmouth, MA meeting house, moving it, and installing it on the property of Woolman Hill.

At Putney Friends Meeting, she served as clerk of the meeting, and also as a strong presence on the Adult Religious Education Committee. She served on Central Committee for Friends General Conference and enjoyed

attending the Gathering as well as annual sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and later New England Yearly Meeting.

She had an incredibly welcoming nature, believing a table could be extended to fit any number. Hattie's deepest ministry was in sincerely loving all whom she met, convincing most she encountered even briefly to believe they were among her most favorite people in the world. Her infectious warm spirit, won over the hearts of many, leading her to successfully talk her way out of war-tax collection.

In the last years of her life, Hattie continued to speak about her care for the full family of Quakers, stating frequently that the current cross-branch work among young adult Friends was giving her great hope for the future of our Religious Society.

While Hattie was well-loved and connected to Friends around the world, most of all, she cherished her family. She had four children, eight grandchildren, and counted her large step-family as her own as well.

Toward the end of her life, Hattie fondly recounted her early years, and looked forward to re-uniting with those who had passed on before her, and even ancestors whom she had never met. Even in death, Hattie was a powerful teacher; she taught us about how to go gracefully out of this life with no unfinished business. In her own way and time, she died peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. A woman of great determination, she never did anything part-way. May her love live on in all of us.

—PUTNEY FRIENDS MEETING, NORTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING

21. The clerk out of concern asked us to spend some time in reflecting upon how we worship at Sessions, with the following statement:

Some months ago, it became clear to the clerk that there would need to be a time at one of our business sessions to name and pray about the quality of worship at sessions. This has seemed to the clerk to be a kind of elephant in the room that has not been named and addressed by the body. The concern has arisen in smaller groups and committees. It has also been prominent on the post-sessions evaluations each of the past two years. In fact, there have been many strong expressions of disappointment and frustration. People have said that there is often a kind of competition for the air-time at worship that seems to result in speakers rising to speak before fully testing their impulses to speak. Some of the descriptions have been that messages were too long; too personal; too political. In other words, they have not been grounded. Many comments have stated that the same small number of people speak multiple times each year in these ungrounded ways. Names have been named and there have been requests for "someone" to speak with these people. Ministry & Counsel has spent a portion of practically every meeting looking at these concerns and continues this work.

Because worship is the foundation of the discernment practice we use for our business, this is a deep concern of your clerk and others. When the clerk recognized the apparent need to address this with you, she followed her usual practice, which is to test and season such understandings by praying about and sharing them and inviting people who may have some interest or concern with the subject to participate in considering it and perhaps carrying it forward instead of or with her. This was tried in

several different ways and each one ended with the clerk and the two acts required: naming at least some aspects of this phenomena and inviting the body to pray about them.

There are three teachings to share.

The first is Matthew 18:15-23, in which Jesus tells his disciples that when they have a grievance with a brother or sister, to go directly to that person with it. If that person does not hear, take one or two others to talk about it. If that still doesn't work, take the matter to the whole community.

The second teaching is from Minute 05-23 of our YM in 2005, that I would like to read to you:

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**Minute 05-23.**

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Out of love and concern for the quality of worship in the gathered body and with the desire to share the depth of worship they have been able to experience together, Young Friends elderd us in a gentle but plainly spoken minute. Hannah Zwirner (Bhill) read the following, minute approved at the Young Friends business session, for us to listen to and consider prayerfully.

You are our mothers and fathers, our mentors and caregivers. You are the people we look up to, though you may not believe it all of the time. You are the people that held us at Hampshire, played tag with us at Bowdoin and staffed our JYM retreats. It is with love and respect that we bring these issues to your attention. For some of us our days as fellow adults begin at the end of Sessions on Thursday; others of us will not officially join you for a few years. But together we are worried about this Yearly Meeting and our ability to worship together. Sunday morning we shared our gifts with you. When we are alone as Young Friends we have some of the most inspiring, spiritual, and centered worship many of us have ever experienced. We want to share with you our silliness, our love, and our appreciation for the silence and centeredness that we know you are capable of. Sunday morning you witnessed many of us leave part of the way through worship after Max Carter's Bible Half Hour. Many of us finished listening to Max's inspiring talk ready for some silence and deep contemplation of his message. Though some people benefited, many left worship feeling empty and spiritually unfulfilled. It is hard for us when we experience such an un-centered meeting after sharing our centeredness with you. We had trouble with how personal many messages felt, and wondered if the ideas of making sure that messages are meant for the whole group and are coming from the spirit have been forgotten. We also noticed that the lack of silence between messages made it difficult to focus or appreciate them. We don't know exactly how to help this seemingly growing problem in the Yearly Meeting. We hoped that by demonstrating our ways of worshipping that they might catch on. We know that they did for many people. We know that many of you are frustrated about this as well. We hope that by sharing our concern with you that you will be aware that we too want change. We love you and would not bother with this if we did not care deeply about you and this issue. We

know that it is possible for the whole Yearly Meeting to sit silently and pray for each other; we did it for fifteen minutes this morning and we are sure that it can happen again.

Eldering is helping each other to be faithful. Gifts come from God. We thank God for the ministry and spiritual leadership of our Young Friends.

The last teaching is from John Woolman:

“One day being in a strong exercise of spirit, I stood up and said some words in a meeting, but not keeping close to the divine opening, I said more than was required of me; and being soon sensible of my error, I was afflicted in mind some weeks without any light or comfort, even to that degree that I could take satisfaction in nothing.”

—JOHN WOOLMAN, 1741

Finally, since we cause as much suffering by taking offense as giving offense, it is important to look at our own behavior, mental and emotional, in receiving ministry. The clerk offers these queries:

- What am I yearning for in worship?
- Am I angry, impatient, judgmental when I hear a message or person?
- What do my thoughts and feelings say about me?

At the clerk's request we entered into a time of open worship.

22. Janet Hoffman, clerk of the *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee, accompanied by members of the committee, presented the draft of Chapter 3: *Corporate Discernment in Meetings for Business*, for preliminary approval. Jan reminded us of the process by which we are reviewing and approving the materials for our discipline. Working papers for a given chapter are distributed for review and comment on the basis of which a revision of the chapter is then brought to Yearly Meeting for preliminary approval. All chapters will then be brought to a future Yearly Meeting for the necessary final approval. To this point, we have given preliminary approval to the *Preface* (2008), Chapter 10: *Revisions to this Faith and Practice* (2006), Chapter 2: *Worship* (2007), and Chapter 9: *A Brief History of Friends in New England* (2008).

Committee members then read parts of the chapter aloud. This was followed by a period of worship, out of which Friends offered responses, noted by the committee. Friends were then asked to read and respond to the material this week, communicating with members of the committee in person or in writing. The Yearly Meeting clerk, in consultation with the Revision Committee clerk, will bring the chapter forward for decision at some time in the future, perhaps during this sitting of the Yearly Meeting.

23. Friends then considered the unity agenda, and acted as follows, with gratitude for the work of all the staff and committee members reflected here. We:

- accepted all staff reports;
- accepted all committee reports;
- approved Committee Purposes and Procedures (*except the Christian Education Committee, see minute 37*);
- approved nominations by Permanent Board for presiding clerk, recording clerks, and reading clerks for 2011–12;

- approved the recommendations from Permanent Board to re-hire Nathaniel Shed as director for Friends Camp, and Jonathan Vogel-Borne as YM secretary. We will return to the report and recommendation of the Call to Witness/Day of Discernment Planning Group, as well as the clerk's Minute on Theological Inclusivity, at a later time.

24. We approved the Bank Resolutions as part of the unity agenda, adding the acting Friends Camp director as a signatory.

### **Monday Morning, August 8**

25. The clerk introduced the morning's program focused on the way we are in community with each other here in New England and how that bears on our relationship with Friends United Meeting (FUM). This program, this exploration, is the result of the leading of one of our Young Adult Friends, Hannah Zwirner (B Hill), serving on the Yearly Meeting's FUM committee. Hannah has been a life-long member of NEYM and will facilitate the program this morning.

The occasion for this exploration of how we live with each other is preparation for the action item on the agenda: that the financial procedure that we temporarily approved in 2009 (*See Minute 09-54*) be continued for two more years. That process allows monthly meetings to withhold the portion of their contribution to NEYM that would go to FUM. That is just the occasion for this presentation, which is really aimed at the larger concerns of how we live in community here in NEYM.

Part of the vision for this leading is that there will be silent worship after the presenters, to provide an opportunity for deep contemplation and the possibility of listening and hearing in new ways how we might be called. This is part of this week's experiment with worship. It might be seen as a complement to the loud worship we shared yesterday. There will be an opportunity to comfortably leave if you do not feel called to this form of worship. In the process we will use during worship, there will be no microphones available. If someone rises to speak, the clerk will ask you to sit back down.

Hannah introduced the panel participants: Eden Grace (B Hill), Brian Drayton (Wear), Anne-Marie Witzburg (Well), and Lisa Graustein (B Hill), and then invited us to listen deeply to presenters without responding. After a time of silent worship and contemplation, she introduced the session:

This program came out of my frustration with the way the Yearly Meeting collectively has talked in the last few years about our relationship with FUM. Prior meetings about FUM on the YM floor have left me very uncentered, and I don't think there has been enough deep listening to each others' experiences. Instead I think our meetings have involved many quick reactions to others' statements without first holding those messages in our hearts. It is my perception that many people feel that the wider community has not fully or properly received their stories and the truths that they live. I think that there are a lot of people who simply feel unready to act until they feel heard.

The intention of this program is to give a few Friends a chance to share a longer version of their experiences while asking the meeting to sit deeply with them, without responding. The panelists are Brian Drayton, Eden Grace, Lisa Graustein and Anne-Marie Witzburg. They were chosen because they are solid, honest and compelling members of our community.



These individual experiences are not intended to represent the thoughts and feelings of the whole Yearly Meeting, rather they are jumping-off points. I ask you to think deeply about what panel members are saying and whether this format makes it easier for you to take in their messages. My conviction is that deeper listening and reflection will better prepare us to face the challenges of our relationship with FUM, and with each other. And I hope that these lessons might be a helpful starting place for other issues with which the Yearly Meeting struggles.

### Queries:

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With regards to FUM:

- Where and how might I be stuck and hurt?
- What do I need from my community?
- What do I have to offer my community?
- How do you think we can be more open and honest with each other?
- Do you think we can do that while striving to be a loving community? How?

Panelists, asked to share their emotional and spiritual journey with FUM, responded to their charge from different points of view. Friends found the presentations and the silent worship that followed very powerful.

*See p. 45–54 for text of panelist talks. Recording is available online at [neym.org/recordings](http://neym.org/recordings) or on CD by contacting the office.*

### Monday Evening, August 8

26. The afternoon's community plenary was presented by Friends from the Racial, Social, & Economic Justice and Peace & Social Concerns Committees. It opened with a dramatic presentation addressing the challenging environmental problems we are facing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the ways that we might begin to heal our broken earth. They explored the complex ways that systems of oppression and inequality are the fundamental origins of our violation of the natural world. Friends shared vivid testimony of their experiences of discrimination and exclusion both within and beyond our NEYM community and challenged us all to rise up and remind others of the urgent need for racial, social, and economic justice.

Greg Williams (NBed) presented a plenary address: *Movement into our future: NEYM Beyond 2011*, opening with a reading from Gabrielle N. Lane Clarke's "Ode to a Black Child (AKA Mr. America)." He explored the challenges facing all of us and urged us to nourish our spirits so that we might take up our responsibility and engage in issues of the environment, immigration justice and racial equality. He shared with us the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "One of the Great Liabilities of life is that all too many find themselves living amid a great period of social change, and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses that the new situation desires. They end up sleeping through the revolution."

Urging us to wake up, Greg focused on the crises of urban violence and racism of which many, who benefit from privilege, remain unaware or ignore. Greg concluded with the question: Are you ready to break down the walls of oppression? If, yes, then let us go forth! And he assured us that each time a man or woman stands up for an ideal or tries to improve the lot of others or speaks out against injustice, they send out a tiny ripple of hope.



Queries were shared for Friends to take away and reflect upon:

- Do you reflect on your role of perpetuating a system of oppression?
- Does your meeting work on solutions to effect sustainability in your community?
- How will the actions of your meeting appear from the perspective of seven generations from today?
- What is your vision of a healed earth?

*Recording of Greg's talk is available online at [neym.org/recordings](http://neym.org/recordings) or on CD from the office.*

27. We welcomed Steve Angell, Oxford MM (Ohio Valley YM), Earlham School of Religion and Earlham College, and Newton Garver, Buffalo MM (NYYM), Bolivia Education Fund. Betsy Atcheson, Allen's Neck MM, brought greetings from Sarasota, FL MM.

28. We heard memorial Minutes for Francis Helfrick (Hart) and Archie Meshenuk (Hart).

#### Francis Helfrick 1914–2009

Francis Helfrick was born at home in Belleville, PA on January 13, 1914. He grew up in nearby Allensville where his father had an insurance agency and his mother ran a country inn, Helfricks Inn the Pines. His mother raised her own vegetables, chickens, and pigs even though there was no water or electricity. Francis commuted by model A Ford to high school and later to Juniata College in Huntington, PA, 14 miles away, where he graduated cum laude. He had taken trombone and piano lessons from the age of 10, preparing him for a lifetime of music enjoyment.

Francis originally thought he would be a minister, but his interest in his brother's medical school program at Johns Hopkins changed his focus. He enrolled there and received his M.D. in 1941. His interest in pediatrics led him to a year's residency at Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, PA then back to Johns Hopkins, where he developed a method of complete intravenous feeding for infants, and finally to Baltimore City Hospital where he became Assistant Chief of Pediatrics for two years.

It was at Johns Hopkins that Francis met Sylvia Merrill, a general medicine student. They were married in a very small wedding at Homewood Meeting in Baltimore, MD in July 1943. During his first year at Hopkins, Francis had visited the local meeting with a classmate who was on a Quaker scholarship, and he soon decided to become a member there.

Francis registered as a conscientious objector when drafted in 1944 and was assigned to a mental hospital in Harrisburg PA for alternative service. However, a recruiter for a Church of the Brethren Civilian Public Service Camp in Puerto Rico needed a doctor and helped him persuade the military to change his status from CO to "occupation of national importance." He and Sylvia spent the next two years living on a coffee farm in Castener between Ponce and Aracibo, Puerto Rico where he worked at public health clinics in the countryside and helped establish a hospital, staying on even after the war was over. It is now a thriving medical center.

While in Puerto Rico, Francis finished his requirements for pediatric certification, took Board exams and went to Buffalo, NY for orals. He

was so nervous when the results arrived that he had Sylvia open the envelope! Even though competition for jobs was fierce after the war, he found an ad in the American Medical Association Journal for a position in Manchester, CT. They moved in the summer of 1947 and bought the house on Westminster Road, where they raised six children and Francis lived until he moved a few years ago.

Francis became chief of Pediatrics and president of staff at Manchester Memorial Hospital and was the beloved doctor for several generations of children, including many in Hartford Meeting. He chaired or served on numerous local and state professional committees dealing with pediatrics, ethics, and community services and received many professional and civic awards. He also carried out three toy gun exchanges in Manchester and Hartford, CT.

Throughout his life, Francis responded to beauty, particularly motivated by a quote from *The Book of God and Man, A Study of Job*: “The beauty of the world becomes an anodyne to man’s suffering—and the key to truth.” This manifested itself in many ways: the Manchester Symphony Orchestra began as a group of friends meeting in the Helfricks’s living room—Francis played the trombone with them for 19 years, he lovingly raised and shared orchids and cultivated composting worms to feed them, he loved his garden and the sculpture in it, and he took wonderful photographs of the beauty around him.

Soon after they moved to Connecticut in 1947, the Helfricks heard about the Quakers who were meeting at the Hartford Seminary. They became part of that pioneering group which included Tom Bodine, Paul and Libby Butterworth, Ted and Ellen Paullin, Ben and Ruth Wojan, Moses and Mabel Bailey, Alexander and Jeanette Purdy, and Edith and Harold Clapp. He and Sylvia raised their children in the meeting, served on many committees, and often decorated the mantel beautifully or brought festive seasonal cakes to potluck lunches. Francis later served two terms as a discerning and sensitive clerk and was an attender at New England Yearly Meeting Sessions. He often raised his quiet voice about issues of justice in the world.

After Sylvia’s death in 1994, Francis stayed in their house until 1999, when he moved to The Arbors, a retirement home in Manchester. There he met Marjorie Gerstung and they were married in October 2001; she died in 2006. He attended meeting for worship until the week before his death on December 13, 2009. The abiding passion in his life was always peace.

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### Archie Meshenuk 1920–2010

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Archie Meshenuk was patient, kind and wise. Described at his memorial service as “guileless,” Archie’s ever-present smile radiated warmth and caring. He seemed always to be reaching out, while requiring little in return, except perhaps a laugh in response to one of his puns or quips.

Born on October 16, 1920, in Hartford, CT, Archie grew up in West Hartford, graduating from Hall High School in 1938 and Trinity College in 1942. He served as a cryptographer in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He worked for Travelers Insurance in group sales in Cleveland,

OH, Peoria, IL and Syracuse, NY through 1955, when he moved to group underwriting and returned to the Hartford area to work until his retirement in 1980.

Archie and his birthright Quaker wife Dorothy (a.k.a. Dot and Dee) joined Hartford Friends in 1956, raising their three children, Daria, Tina and Misha within the meeting. Archie showered great attention on the meetinghouse, serving for many years on the Building and Grounds Committee and delighting in working with others to “fix it up.” Archie also taught First Day School, served on the meeting Nominating Committee, and for years served as Building Use coordinator, thereby becoming the meeting’s liaison with outside groups reserving use of the meetinghouse. To these groups, Archie was the steady face and helpful spirit of Hartford Friends.

Archie and Dot’s love of nature translated into many family camping trips and hiking outings, including one several-week, rain-sodden trek through Nova Scotia with their dear friends, the Helfrick family. For years, Archie was a member of Friends in Unity with Nature and served on the Conservation Commission in Windsor, CT, which established the groundwork for the town’s impressive Northwest Park. Archie delighted in caring for his yard, while also maintaining a plot in Windsor’s Community Garden, which yielded the many vegetables and flowering plants that he eagerly shared. He and Dot often canoed the Farmington River, and in his 89<sup>th</sup> year Archie still enjoyed strolling on Windsor’s River Walk. Throughout his life, Archie was a true steward of the earth.

Archie attended New England Yearly Meeting for more than 35 years, along the way serving on both the NEYM Nominating Committee and the Friends Camp Committee. Yearly Meeting became a cherished family activity, and even after Archie was no longer able to attend, he faithfully read all of the materials NEYM sent to him.

After Dot’s death in 1992, Archie bore his grief with remarkable grace, and continued to reach out to others. At Archie’s memorial service, a Friend eloquently testified as to how, when he was suicidal, he sought out Archie for help in getting to a psychiatric hospital. Another Friend, visibly shaken at losing Archie, spoke to how it was Archie’s support in difficult times that had made him what he is today, an accomplished educator.

Archie’s last few years were marked by slow but steady decline, brought on not so much by the failure of his body, but by the loss of memory and mental acuity. Nevertheless, Archie’s personality remained vibrant. Even as he stumbled over names and events, Archie’s smile would beam, as he seemingly laughed away his frustration. A particular delight during those last few years was his relationship with a childhood friend, Mary Spencer Adams, with whom he reconnected after more than 65 years.

And when his time finally came, Archie died a good death. He was able to remain in his house, as Daria arranged for home health care and made constant visits from her home in Worcester, MA. His family was able to be with him on multiple occasions during his last few months and at his passing. As stated at Archie’s memorial service:

So today we remember the life of our Friend Archie and we rejoice. We rejoice in his good life and in all that he has given to each one of us. In the words of the Episcopal prayer, we rejoice also that “as the shadows

lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and [his] work is done." His care-giving family and some close friends helped "grant [him] safe lodging and peace at the last."

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29. Edward Baker, clerk of Permanent Board, reported on its decision to cease operation of the assisted living facility at the New England Friends Home in Hingham, Massachusetts, which has been in operation there for about half a century. The economies of scale have worked against the 18-bed facility in an increasingly regulated environment; it became increasingly difficult to constitute a committee comprising the expertise needed to oversee such a facility. Moreover, over the years the Home's work had evolved far from its original mission. Therefore, the Friends Home Committee came to the realization that the operation was no longer sustainable. As of July 9, the Permanent Board took the decision to close the home as soon as possible. Under the temporary management of members of the Friends Home Committee, the difficult and delicate process of finding new homes for the 15 current residents, and reducing staff has been proceeding, an occasion of pain and sadness. It is expected that the Home will be closed completely by Oct. 23. (See PB Minute 11-54.)

Despite our regret at the need to lay down the YM's service to aged Friends and others, but judging that the Home no longer serves our leading to this service, Permanent Board (PB Minute 11-55) recommends that the property be sold or leased; Friends approved.

30. Edward Baker then outlined a process for the sale or lease of the property to take place, under the care of an ad hoc Friends Home Property Committee to plan and supervise this transition under the oversight of Permanent Board. Friends approved the creation of the ad hoc committee.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Property Committee and those interested are invited to speak to any member of the Permanent Board. It is expected that the Yearly Meeting treasurer and Yearly Meeting secretary will serve on it ex officio, and that three to five additional members will be needed. This committee would create a request for proposals for the property, distribute the Request for Proposals to companies managing retirement homes or communities and other interested parties, supervise at least one showing of the property, receive proposals, and share the proposals with their recommendation for the most advantageous course of action with the Permanent Board.

31. We authorize the Permanent Board to select the most appropriate proposal for sale or lease of the Friends Home property and to take all necessary actions to transfer the property to a new owner, or lessee, as the case may be, and to report to Sessions next year on the matter. We authorize the Permanent Board to determine the "best use" for the property, and not necessarily be bound to take the highest offer, in their discernment.

32. In due time, if the Friends Home property is sold, Permanent Board is asked to bring recommendations, subject to legal advice and to consultation within the Yearly Meeting, about possible appropriate use of the proceeds.

Friends expressed the hope that the search for such uses be imaginative as well as careful. We thank the Friends Home Committee, the staff, and the residents them-

selves for their contributions to the life of the home, and their participation in this difficult but necessary decision.

*See NEFH Committee Report, p. 100–101*

### **Tuesday Morning, August 9**

33. We welcomed visiting Friend, Charlotte Wood Harrington, North Side Friends Meeting, Chicago (Illinois YM).

34. We heard, with gratitude for their lives, the memorial minutes for Bruce Martin (Hart) and for Charles Perry (West).

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### **Bruce Martin 1927–2010**

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Bruce Martin died in Hartford, CT on February 6, 2010 after a brief illness. Bruce was born in 1927 in a small town in Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company with a line crew, laying rail ties. This work permitted a deferment from the military draft. After resigning from this job, he worked briefly as an editor of the York, PA Gazette.

Bruce became an active opponent of the Vietnam War and moved in the early 1970s to live in community in Voluntown, CT. In 1973, Bruce was appointed to the staff of the American Friends Service Committee and served as the first program director in Connecticut. He moved to Hartford, where the office was opened. Bruce organized programs in opposition to nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants. He promoted the nuclear freeze movement, requesting city governments to refuse nuclear weapons and industries in their cities. He demonstrated at the nuclear submarine base in Groton, CT, where he was arrested in October, 1974.

In 1973, Bruce participated in a Friendship Caravan to Cuba and subsequently became a life-long member and later director of the Greater Hartford Coalition on Cuba. After the first Iraq War, he worked in opposition to the sanctions imposed on that country. In 1998 he organized weekly peace vigils at the Federal Building in Hartford to lift the sanctions. These peace vigils continue to this day. Bruce also joined an AFSC delegation to Iraq.

Bruce joined Hartford Friends Meeting as a member in August 1997. He retired from the American Friends Service Committee in 2000 after serving as director for 27 years. Subsequently he moved to New Haven, CT where he volunteered with Promoting Enduring Peace. Returning to Hartford, he remained active in peace demonstrations and with the Coalition on Cuba.

Bruce is survived by five daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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**Charles Perry 1914–2010**

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Charles “Chuck” Perry, a member of Westerly Monthly Meeting of Friends, died December 4, 2010, in Westerly, RI at the age of 96. The twinkling of his eyes when he smiled and laughed clearly stands out in our memories. These remembrances and many more will live on in the lives of those he touched. He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor Butler Perry, to whom he was married 67 years.

Born to Harvey Perry and Lydia Sharpless Perry, Chuck was named after his paternal grandfather, a leading force in the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends throughout the second half of the nineteenth century. In his youth, Chuck was an avid sailor and raced small boats on Quonochontaug Pond on the coast of Rhode Island. Later in life he transmitted his love for birds, wildlife, and the sea to his children. This legacy continues to be passed down through the generations of his family as many are involved in conservation and environmental studies.

Chuck graduated from Westtown School, then attended Haverford College (where his other grandfather had been president), graduating in 1936. He later received a Masters degree in Social Work from Bryn Mawr College.

Prior to the reunification of Friends bodies in New England, Chuck was the Young Friends secretary for Wilburite Friends, a task which had him regularly traveling around New England in the 1930s to encourage dialogue among the branches of Quakerism.

His life was full of goodness; he lived the Quaker testimonies. During World War II, after working for the Social Security Administration in Providence, RI Chuck was drafted into Civilian Public Service as a conscientious objector to war. For the duration of the war, he cut brush below power lines in the mountains of New Hampshire, worked on irrigation projects in Maryland, and served as an orderly in the Pennsylvania State Mental Hospital at Byberry in Philadelphia.

After the war Chuck worked at the Friends Neighborhood Guild in North Philadelphia, a Quaker organization that provided shelter and support to homeless men. Later he returned to Haverford College to serve, first as their associate director of development from 1954 to 1958, and then as the director of annual giving from 1958 to 1979. He possessed an uncanny ability to recall significant information about most graduates and this personal touch resulted in high participation in annual giving campaigns. One year, under his leadership, Haverford had the highest percentage of participation in annual giving among the graduates of all colleges and universities in the country. In his honor, Haverford College grants the Charles Perry Award each year to one person for “exemplary service to the college in fundraising.” During this time Chuck was a member of Haverford Monthly Meeting where he served on several committees.

With his wife Eleanor, he was active in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, assisting African American families as they broke color barriers to move into all-white neighborhoods in suburban Philadelphia. The two together were a source of positive energy for many; they especially enjoyed leading marriage enrichment weekends for Quakers. Friends recalled that we rarely said one name without the other—they were almost always,

“Chuck and Eleanor.” In his later life he reflected on his marriage and life’s work and said, “Yes, I picked the right girl.”

In 1989 Chuck and Eleanor left their home in Bryn Mawr, PA and moved to a family home in Westerly, back to Haversham on Quonochontaug Pond where he had enjoyed his childhood and many summers. He served on many Ministry & Counsel committees as well as on Peace and Social Concerns for Westerly Meeting (Friends always enjoyed going to Haversham for committee meetings). He and Eleanor attended meeting for as long as their health would allow. When it began to fail, they moved to a retirement home where we would hold committee meetings and occasionally worship in their apartment. Chuck’s memory for historic detail was always helpful to our meeting. If we wondered about conscientious objector experiences, or details of Quaker history, or a variety of other topics, Chuck could always be counted on to have the real story.

Chuck and Eleanor had three sons, David, Harvey, and “Carl” (Charles, Jr.), all of whom are married and have children. Chuck’s marriage and dealings with his family were infused with laughter, patience, and goodness. These attributes helped him through the difficult later years of failing health. He taught his family and friends well the importance of staying connected to each other and to “a sense of place”—the feel of the wind in the sail and the wonders of the natural world around us.

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35. Edward Mair (Ames), YM treasurer, prefaced the YM treasurer’s report by alerting us to the graying of our community and issued an invitation for younger Friends to contribute, including service on the Finance Committee. He noted that the NEYM staff has done an excellent job in keeping expenses under control, youth retreats have contributed this year to the revenue of the Yearly Meeting, and monthly meetings’ contributions are up. While the financial markets and the nation’s economy may affect us and we have seen a drop in individual Friends’ contributions, overall our financial health is good. Friends accepted the treasurer’s report.

*See Yearly Meeting Financial Reports, p. 58*

36. Travis Belcher (Mon), co-clerk of Finance Committee, presented the YM budget for Fiscal Year 2012. This year’s budget is running strong thanks to the increase in monthly meetings’ contributions. Friends approved the YM budget for 2012 with notable ease.

37. Rachel Walker Cogbill (Plain), clerk of the Christian Education Committee, reported the committee has for the past three years been asking how it might best address the variety of needs within our community. They request that their new purposes and procedures be approved and that their name be changed from Christian Education Committee to Quaker Youth Education Committee to better reflect the expansion of their range of activities in recent years. As Friends spoke to this item of business, they gladly affirmed that we represent a spectrum of faith expressions and that there are ardent Christians among us. This proposed change continues to honor the Christian origins and heritage of Quakerism and the continued importance of Christian education as an essential part of our mission today. Grateful appreciation was spoken for the way in which this committee has responsibly articulated the range of their work in their revision of purposes and procedures. Friends approved

the revision of the committee's purposes and procedures and the change of name to Quaker Youth Education Committee.

*See Quaker Youth Education Purposes & Procedures, p. 123–124*

38. Edward Baker, clerk of Permanent Board, presented the committee's work in progress, examining the NEYM governance structure and inviting broader discussion around the questions: Is there something about the NEYM structure that prevents fuller participation within our community? What would make for fuller involvement of monthly meetings in the Yearly Meeting? A listening committee has been visiting monthly meetings and gathering insights on the workability of our NEYM structure. Edward announced an afternoon interest group on this topic and that the Permanent Board will continue to receive feedback on it over the year.

39. The Development Committee presented out of the silence, in skit style, "The Blues Sisters" from the Development Committee who are "on a mission from God." Individual financial contributions are needed to the tune of \$117,000—it is reality check time and time to write those reality checks. Accepting any and all denominations, we spontaneously passed the hats used in the skit. And at the same time, we were soberly reminded that there is a wide range of economic conditions among us, and that we too easily make assumptions on the basis of middle-class means. Some Friends are not at these sessions because they cannot afford to take the time or pay the costs. There are Friends who do not feel welcome in our meetings because of unexamined class attitudes among us. The issues of class need more prayerful and thoughtful attention.

### **Wednesday Morning, August 10**

40. We welcomed Maggie Fogarty (Dov), representing AFSC-NH and Caleb Smith (Con) and Isaiah Grace (BHill), visiting from our Young Friends YM.

41. We heard with gratitude the memorial minutes for Virginia Townsend (Camb) and Herman Patt (Hart).

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### **Virginia Townsend 1913–2010**

Virginia Townsend, a member of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends since her birth in 1913, died at Crosslands at Kennett Square, PA on January 29, 2010 at the age of 96.

Virginia was born at home in Roxbury, MA and became a birthright member of the old Boston Monthly Meeting which, as it happened, was located on Townsend Street. Her parents, S. Paul and Mabel, had become active members of the meeting. Virginia loved to talk about growing up in that meeting, complete with hymns, prayers, and pastors, among them Elton Trueblood and Wilbur Thomas. She learned one Bible verse for each letter of the alphabet, and remembered them into old age.

In 1922 the Townsend family moved to Lakewood Road in Newton Highlands, MA where Virginia would live for most of the next 70 years. At 13 she entered the Lincoln School, a Quaker boarding school in Providence, RI. From there she went to Radcliffe College, majoring in Chemistry.



She put her chemistry studies to work at Massachusetts General Hospital, doing research for surgeons, but her interest in working directly with people began to lead her away from her scientific background. In 1938 she became a resident fellow at Mount Holyoke College and earned a Masters degree in physiology. Then came a variety of administrative positions: admissions counselor at Rockford College in Illinois, Director of Admissions at Wheaton College, and in the Dean's office at Boston University Medical School. In 1953 she began work raising funds for non-profit institutions in New England. She returned to Lincoln School in 1969 as executive secretary of the Alumnae Association and director of development, and served there until her retirement in 1979.

In 1993 Virginia left her Newton home and moved to Crosslands in Pennsylvania, where she became an active part of Crosslands Friends Meeting, serving as clerk of the Care Committee.

As an active Young Friend in the 1930s Virginia was part of the transition from Boston Monthly Meeting to Friends Meeting at Cambridge. Some, she remembered, were not easy with this change, but by the 1930s few Friends lived in Roxbury, and more and more Friends were comfortable with silent worship. She was a driving force behind Newton Quakers, a worship group which continues to function, but has been sorely missing Virginia these 17 years since her transition to Crosslands.

Virginia served Friends Meeting at Cambridge tirelessly, on practically every committee, usually as recording clerk. She attended the old Yearly Meeting of Friends of New England, and remembered being in a small group with Rufus Jones. A particular joy was her clerkship of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee of the Meeting in 1986. On the Moses Brown and Lincoln School committees, she was a calming voice when they faced difficulties. She served for ten years on Permanent Board and five years as clerk of the Executive Council.

Virginia was always gracious, rooted in the Religious Society of Friends yet open to new ideas. She enjoyed entertaining people, particularly children, for whom she kept a trunk of toys. She saw a great deal of change in Quakerism but complained only about lower standards of Quaker dress; she had been taught to go to meeting "dressed for God." We could go to her for advice and counsel, for she knew a great deal of the world.

The word "serves" appears often and aptly in our memory of Virginia. She was always willing to take on a new task, cheerfully asserting that she was a Martha rather than a Mary, seldom speaking in meeting for worship, baffled by the efforts of some to reach spiritual heights.

Her spirit showed in everything she did. Hers was a life well lived.

—FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

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### Hermann G. Patt, Jr. 1915–2010

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We remember Hermann, salt of the earth.

Promoter of the community;

Long time Friend, urging communal living  
and cooperative farming.

Intrepid worker for the Friends Mission in Kenya.

Patriarch of a loving family; son, daughters, grandchildren,  
 great grand children, and his wife of 72 years.  
 A dancer and a singer celebrating the joy of life,  
 Bringing asparagus to pot luck at the Quaker meeting.  
 Testifying to his passion for a world of simplicity, equality and peace.  
 Insisting that the government turn swords into plowshares.  
 In memoriam February 28, 2010, 94 years old.  
 With fond memories,

—CONNIE RILEY, MEMBER, WORCESTER FRIENDS MEETING

Hermann G. Patt, Jr. was born July 16, 1915, in Hancock, NH to Hermann G. Patt and Mary (Wackerbarth) Patt. Hermann's father was trained in the ministry at Andover Newton Theological School and also was superintendent of schools in many towns in Massachusetts. While checking out a new reading system for the schools, Hermann's father taught Hermann to read. When Hermann began school, he started in the second grade. He had already been attending second grade with his mother while she was teaching and he refused to go around a huge furnace to get into the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom.

Music was a high priority in the family. Hermann played both piano and violin. He played violin in the school orchestra from 6<sup>th</sup> grade on. At the age of twelve, when in his 1<sup>st</sup> year in high school in Manchester, MA, he played in the Statewide Symphony Orchestra and was the Manchester delegate to Boston, MA playing in Symphony Hall. He also sang in church choirs while in his teens as a way of earning money. Hermann graduated from Westfield High School in Massachusetts as valedictorian at the age of 16. He earned his BA and MA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Hermann met Mildred Maynard from Rutland, MA at a 4-H conference. They were married on October 16, 1937. They had five children. The first three children were born while they were living in Granville, MA. They moved from Granville to a dairy farm in West Brookfield, MA in 1943. Along with dairy farming, Hermann taught high school agriculture and economics in Templeton, Charlton, and North Brookfield. He and Mildred were both active in 4-H work and led a garden club for many years. He sang in a barbershop quartet in West Brookfield as well as in the choir at the Congregational Church in West Brookfield and later at the Worcester Friends Meeting on Oxford Street in Worcester. He also served on the School Committee in West Brookfield. He and Mildred were active Grange members. He received his 75<sup>th</sup> year membership pin when he was 89. They both enjoyed square dancing, and at 90 years of age Hermann was still an avid dancer as well as a skilled tennis player.

Hermann began attending Worcester Friends Meeting on Oxford Street in the early 1950s. He joined in 1961. He was clerk of its Peace and Social Concerns Committee for several years. He was a frequent attendee at New England Yearly Meeting and Rhode Island Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Worcester Friends enjoyed many corn roasts at the Patt Farm in West Brookfield. In the 70s and early 80s, Hermann was a member of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, attending some of their annual meetings and visiting Friends' Indian Projects such as with the Choctaw Indians in Alabama.

In 1964, Hermann and Mildred, with their youngest daughter Mary, went to Kenya for two years where he served under the sponsorship of Friends United Meeting to help establish farm cooperatives. Hermann's time in Africa was a turning point in his life. When he came home, he was very interested in establishing a working utopian community similar to Walden Two. He was involved in the formation of three communities: Twin Oaks and Acorn in Virginia and East Wind in Missouri. He traveled frequently to Virginia to assist in the communities. East Wind originated at his farm in West Brookfield. All three communities are still active today.

After Hermann gave up dairy farming, he devoted more of his time to organic gardening. He joined Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) and was on their board of directors for several years. He became an admirer of Scott and Helen Nearing, read all their books and visited at their home in Maine. In 1984, he put his farm in a land trust because he believed that land should be kept in stewardship and not developed or sold for profit.

Hermann was a man with a dream for a peaceful egalitarian world and dedicated much of his life to this goal. He held strongly to his beliefs and tried hard to convince others of his views. He was an untiring worker and expected much of himself and the people around him. It was often difficult for those around him to keep up with his energy.

When traveling from West Brookfield to Worcester for Friends Meeting, he would fill his car with vegetables and cider to take to meeting, local food co-ops and people in need. He exhibited his vegetables at local fairs and won many rosettes for his efforts. Hermann enjoyed going to cook-outs, family get-togethers and, in his later years after giving up farming, enjoyed annual family camping trips to climb Mt. Washington. Even in his 80s he would be in the first group to reach the top. It was very hard for him and his family when in his last few years he started slipping more and more into dementia and could not be as independent as he always had been.

Hermann is survived by his wife, Mildred (Maynard) Patt; a sister, Phyllis Woodger, a son, Robert G. Patt, four daughters; Elizabeth Poynton, Helen Lapierre, Phyllis Allen, and Mary Wing, twenty-one grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Marjorie Kraus.

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42. We heard the Epistle of Cuba Yearly Meeting, read in English by the reading clerk, and in Spanish by Adela Gonzalez-Longoria of Gibara MM, Cuba YM. *See Cuba YM epistle, p. 75-76.*

43. Edward Baker, clerk of Permanent Board, presented a recommendation on the process by which financial contributions are made from New England Yearly Meeting to Friends United Meeting.

In 2009, the yearly meeting adopted Minute 09-54, on Finance to FUM, in response to conscientious concerns among some members about the sexual ethics portion of FUM's personnel policy which we believe is discriminatory. This policy reads in part:

“We reaffirm our traditional testimonies of peace, simplicity, truth speaking, gender and racial equality, personal integrity, fidelity, chastity and community. We recognize that there is diversity among us on issues of sexuality. For the purpose of our corporate life together, we affirm our traditional testimony that sexual intercourse should be confined to the bonds of marriage, which we understand to be between one man and one woman.”

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**Minute for Finance to FUM (09-54)**

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If a monthly meeting minutes the intention of some of its members to exclude FUM from their contribution to NEYM, the MM treasurer will notify the NEYM treasurer of that decision, including a copy of the MM minute with the communication. The monthly meeting will then decrease their intended contribution by the appropriate amount, and the NEYM treasurer will decrease our contribution to FUM by the same amount. The MM treasurer is responsible for calculating the percentage of their budget that goes to NEYM. For FY09, the percentage of the NEYM budget that goes to FUM is 1.5%.

A fund will be established to which individuals can donate to add to the Yearly Meeting's contribution to FUM. Individuals may donate to this fund if they wish to help ensure that the full budgeted amount goes to FUM.

The NEYM treasurer will exercise care in communicating with FUM about the potential variability in NEYM's contribution to FUM.

With regard to financial contributions to FUM, in the light of the FUM Personnel Policy, we approved the following minute.

This was done as an interim measure, to allow the Yearly Meeting time to seek enough clarity about its relationship within FUM to establish a regular practice on our financial contributions to FUM. The Yearly Meeting extended this practice for one year in 2010 (minute 10-12). Roughly 10 meetings have used this process.

Meetings and individuals across the Yearly Meeting have continued to labor with the issues raised by the FUM personnel policy. The process outlined in Minute 09-54 has provided the means to do good spiritual work within monthly meetings. The Permanent Board recommends that this process continue for two more years, until Sept 30, 2013, and thus it would be brought to sessions for further disposition in 2013.

We are aware that this minute has been helpful in our wrestling. The work continues locally, but that is not enough. We are also gratefully aware of the work going on widely within FUM, which has resulted in some more openness to re-examining the personnel policy, and a recognition that unity does not exist within the association. We have come to understand that the most important spiritual work is not merely to witness to FUM, but to grapple with questions of diversity, homophobia, heterosexism and faithfulness in our own community. It is important that we hear how truth prospers in this matter across New England. Intervisitation and other communication within our YM and across Quakerdom is an essential task laid on us, and more is required of us.

We are mindful that continuing this policy for two more years might allow us to avoid the hard work we need to do to reach fuller clarity within our meetings, and across the Yearly Meeting. We have felt some motions of healing during this yearly

meeting session, and we seek to respond to the power of love we have felt. We realize that we are not yet fully clear on this matter, but in all humility we approve the Permanent Board's recommendation to continue the process, confident that during this time, if we are faithful, more light will be given.

### **Wednesday Evening, August 10**

44. We welcomed Larry Jalowiec, Richland MM (PYM), Friends General Conference.

45. We heard the first draft of the NEYM epistle.

46. Patricia Higgins (Han) and Christopher McCandless (Bur) presented the revised Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee is not recommending new appointments to the Student Loan Committee, and has asked the two current members to bring to Permanent Board a recommendation about whether the committee should continue, or be laid down. Friends accepted the Nominating Committee report and approved the nominations, with gratitude for the work of the committee, and to all Friends who have agreed to serve. There are more gifts to be called out, and more opportunities for Friends to serve!

Nominating Committee is setting aside some time during its meeting at Committee Day to reflect on how better to do the work of calling forth Friends' gifts, and supporting their effective service.

47. For the Call to Witness/Day of Discernment Planning Group, the clerk, Ian Harrington (Camb), spoke to the report (*see p. 55–57*). Out of their work this past year, the Planning group recommended that the Permanent Board form a Working Group on Contemplation and Action to encourage the integration of contemplation and Spirit-led action within monthly and quarterly meetings and Yearly Meeting, by encouraging and facilitating additional gatherings for discernment and witness to enable us to have time together to listen for what God asks us to do.

Friends voiced gratitude for the work that the planning group has done to date. There was, however, a sense that monthly meetings and existing committees have much work in hand, and often barely enough strength. There was concern that the proposed working group could possibly spread Friends even more thinly. Friends agreed with the need to better balance contemplation and action which the committee notes, but asserted that the central locus for this balance should be at the monthly meeting level. Friends voiced a need to better integrate the work that many Friends are doing with the life of their meetings and committees, so that our witness feeds the vitality of the worshipping group and that in turn the worshipping group can support Friends who are at work. With this need in mind, Friends were not clear that the proposed Working Group was a useful next step. Friends did not approve the recommendations.

48. Janet Hoffman (MTob), the clerk of *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee, presented Friends some revisions to the draft of Chapter 3: *Corporate Discernment in Meetings for Business*, in response to comments received since the chapter was presented earlier this week. Friends then gave preliminary approval to this chapter.

Then there was considerable discussion about when, if ever, it is appropriate to record the names of Friends standing aside from a meeting decision. Some felt that there might be historical value to such a recording of names, or that the availability of the names might forward discussion of the concerns at issue, but Friends were

united that it is best to name the concern being borne by those standing aside without specific attribution. One Friend stood aside, under a concern that the issue of whether or not to record the names of Friends standing aside from a meeting decision had been insufficiently threshed.

#### **Thursday Morning, August 11**

49. Friends authorize the clerks to make edits and corrections to the minutes as appropriate in preparation for publication.

50. We heard gratefully the memorial minute for Elise Boulding.

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#### **Elise Boulding 1920–2010**

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Elise Boulding, internationally renowned peace activist and author, was born in Oslo, Norway on July 6, 1920. Her family moved to New Jersey when Elise was three. This was the beginning of Elise's life as a world citizen.

While studying at the New Jersey College for Women, a friend introduced her to the Quaker meeting in New Brunswick, NJ. She loved the deep silence and strong peace witness. Later, while in graduate school and attending Syracuse Meeting, she met Kenneth Boulding, a British Quaker teaching economics at Colgate University. They married within a few months of their first meeting.

In their early years together, Elise and Kenneth moved several times to pursue academic opportunities and peace work. Kenneth's work took Elise to Princeton, NJ, Civilian Public Service camps throughout the United States, Fisk University in Nashville, TN, Iowa State (where Elise received her master's degree), McGill University in Toronto and finally to the University of Michigan, where the Bouldings settled for 18 years and raised their family while Elise got her Ph. D. Later, the Bouldings moved to Boulder, CO to teach at the University of Colorado, he in economics, she in sociology. Elise's final academic position was at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH where she chaired the sociology department. During her seven years at Dartmouth, Kenneth remained in Colorado; the Bouldings experiencing a "commuter marriage."

Elise's achievements in the women's studies and peace movements have been well documented in the many loving obituaries since her death on June 24, 2010. Even before her scholarly career, which began at the age of 50, Elise was widely known as a peace educator, prominent Quaker, and a leader in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), of which she became international chair. Elise wrote at least 14 books on peace and conflict and the place of the family in teaching and learning peace. She was nominated for the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize by the American Friends Service Committee.

After Kenneth's death, Elise moved from Colorado to be with her daughter, the late Christie Boulding Graham, in Wayland, MA. The Bouldings had five children, four of them sons: Russell, Phillip, Mark, and William, and Christie. Christie and her husband, Greg, and their daughters, Meredith and Emily, added an apartment for Elise to their home. Elise quickly joined Christie as a part of the Wellesley Friends Meeting community.

What a gift her coming was to all of us at Wellesley Meeting! Elise began at once to act on her concerns. With her care for racial justice, she became involved with the Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. She worked actively to help us prepare to be a better partner to an urban church. She was an active participant in the meeting's Peace Committee and a strong supporter of the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA. In attending the American Friends Service Committee's youth open mike events, she extended the average age of participants by many decades.

Elise was also part of the Norfolk Recognized Meeting which meets at Norfolk Prison under the care of Wellesley Meeting. Elise was a regular attendee at the weekly meeting for worship as long as she was able. The Norfolk Meeting meant a great deal to her. After she could no longer get to it, she always asked about the meeting and asked that the men in the prison be told how much she missed them.

Elise continued her loyal service to WILPF. She offered workshops on "Envisioning a Peaceful World" in New England and around the country. She maintained her connections with peace organizations, some of which she had founded, and all of which she collaborated with. Among them were the Friends Peace Teams, the Quaker United Nations Office, Friends World Committee for Consultation and the International Peace Research Association. Elise spoke meaningfully in meeting for worship, inspiring us with her energy and deep belief in the possibility of a peaceful world future.

Elise loved music and her cello, books, the New York Times, her friends and family, food and drink. She was enthusiastic about her many interests, and enjoyed sharing them.

As she began to lose her hearing, Elise saw that in the future she would need more care. She wanted to spare her family that burden and so moved to North Hill in Needham, MA in 2000. There she was a regular at the North Hill Friends Worship Group and continued to attend faithfully at Wellesley Meeting as she was able. Despite her poor hearing, Elise attended many events and enriched the community with her wisdom and insightful questions.

During the years that she lived on her own in her one-room apartment at North Hill, Elise loved to "escape" with friends who had cars to drive her through the surrounding countryside. She delighted in brief walks in all seasons and to sit beside Walden Pond for a picnic or by a swamp at the Broadmoor Audubon Sanctuary to peacefully observe the frogs and ducks, insects and changing colors of the vegetation. She also enjoyed easy conversation over lunch at some favorite restaurants.

In 2007 Elise was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This helped to make sense of her increasing anxiety and discouragement with her inability to keep up with her extensive reading, writing and wide circle of friends.

As her ability to care for herself declined, Elise was moved to the Skilled Nursing Unit at North Hill in 2008. There she had a room with a beautiful view of trees, gardens, a small waterfall and pond. Although her mental faculties faded, she continued to revel in nature and the out-of-doors. Going out in her wheelchair for a "walk," she would delight in "dancing with the trees." At this time her brief messages in meeting for Worship praised God's love and constant presence.

Just before her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Elise left us peacefully. In her last years she would often declare: "I'm lost. I don't know where I am, but I'm lost in God's

world.” She is fully in God’s world now but her spirit and deep commitment to peace continue to inspire us.

—WELLESLEY FRIENDS MEETING, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

51. We heard and approved with great appreciation the 2011 NEYM General Epistle. All the NEYM epistles will go out into the world, along with the Epistle from Cuba Yearly Meeting.

*See Epistles, p. 69–75*

52. Appreciation was offered to Maggie Edmondson for her earth-centered reading of the scriptures in the Bible Half Hours.

53. Friends accepted all the memorial minutes read this week.

54. Friends appointed to visit our young people’s Yearly Meetings reported.

55. We noted our appreciation of the Yearly Meeting Office at Sessions and of the interpreters.

56. We heard an excerpt from the earliest written epistle in our archives written at the 1675 NEYM annual gathering, and an excerpt from New England Yearly Meeting (Wilburite) gathering in 1942 that spoke of love, peace and hope in dark times.

57. Our youth joined us. We sang and settled into worship.

58. We heard the report from the on-site sessions coordinator, Richard Frechette, who was impressed with the complexity of the week’s events and the dedication of the staff and of everyone together who made it work.

59. Jonathan Vogel-Borne, YM secretary, asked us: How do we carry the way we are in community and in deep fellowship with each other at Yearly Meeting out into our lives throughout the year? He reported some statistics about this YM Sessions: we were 698 in attendance. There were eight toddlers, 11 in childcare, 56 in Junior Yearly Meeting, 41 in Junior High Yearly Meeting, 46 in Young Friends, 64 in Young Adult Friends, and 455 in Older Adult Friends.

60. We heard the epistles of the other gatherings that make up the New England Yearly Meeting Sessions. The Young Adult Friends’ epistle included a minute of concern calling us to act in response to climate change.

61. The clerk, Linda Jenkins (NSan), expressed deep appreciation for her experience of being our presiding clerk for the past three years and introduced Jacqueline Stillwell (Mon), the incoming presiding clerk, who thanked Linda for her faithfulness and service.

62. No further business appearing, we closed in worship, purposing to meet (God willing) at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, on Aug. 4, 2012.



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## Minutes of the NEYM Young Adult Friends (YAFs)

### Monday, August 8

1. Ben Guaraldi (BHill), clerk of NEYM YAFs, began the meeting with silent worship.
2. Friends approved Abigail Kelly (NSho) to serve as recording clerk in Russell Weiss-Irwin's (Camb) absence during Sessions this year.
3. Abigail Kelly read the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Young Adult Friends Epistle from 2011.
4. The clerk asked visitors to introduce themselves. Briana Halliwell (Vass) and Juliet Smith (Old Chatham MM, NYYM) were visiting from Young Friends and Judy Hyde (Stor) was visiting from the older adult business meeting. The clerk welcomed these visitors.
5. The clerk brought forward the recommendation of Ministry and Oversight Committee to change Nominating Committee from a six-month committee which is created at Yearly Meeting Sessions and presents a slate at Midwinter to a standing committee that is nominated by the previous year's Nominating Committee, approved at Midwinter, and presents a slate at Midwinter the following year. Friends approved.
6. Friends entered worship to generate a slate for a Nominating Committee that will nominate Planning Committee, Nurturing Committee, Nominating Committee, a clerk, and recording clerk for the 2012 calendar year. The following slate was approved:
  - Chris Burpee (Well)
  - Katherine Fisher (BHill)
  - Chloe Grubbs-Saleem (MTob)
  - Jay O'Hara (WFal)
  - Alma Sanchez-Eppler (Nham)
  - Anne-Marie Witzburg (Well)(Friends who were unable to serve are not listed.) Katherine Fisher volunteered to act as convener for the Nominating Committee. Friends approved.
7. The clerk asked for Friends' approval for Ministry and Oversight to update the Organizing Document to reflect the change in Nominating Committee and several other changes to current practice among YAFs. Friends approved.
8. Abe Drayton (Weare) asked Friends to admire the rainbow visible through the walls of windows surrounding the YAF lounge. Friends did so.
9. Jay O'Hara (WFal) of the YAF Climate Working Group (YAFCWG) presented a draft mission statement for the working group:

Our generation will witness the ramifications of our culture's carbon emissions, which are disrupting and will disrupt the natural systems upon which humanity depends. The Young Adult Friends Climate Working Group mission is to act as catalysts within New England Yearly Meeting, awakening Friends to the possibility that we are called to transform our lives, to live as models for a new world, and to dismantle the systems of

oppression and suffering caused by the society in which we live. We strive to act as a resource for YAFs looking for a productive outlets for their concern and a community of support for individual acts of obedience as we minister with our lives and words.

Friends expressed concern about the broad scope of this mission statement. Friends then asked that it be revised and then revisited at Wednesday's Meeting for Business.

10. Friends approved the members of YAFCWG: Abe Drayton (Weare), Katherine Fisher (B Hill), Emily Neumann (Well), Jay O'Hara (W Fall), and a member of Vassalboro Friends meeting who has asked that her name not be published publicly, out of concern of how Google invades our personal privacy.

11. On behalf of YAFCWG, Abe Drayton (Weare) presented the following draft minute:

We have felt the incongruity between our spiritual and physical lives, and our sorrow at this dichotomy propels us to seek a life in which all parts of our being are in harmony with the spirit. Our lives are caught in a system/culture/society which exploits people and the planet, and leaves us spiritually wanting. We yearn for community that is intimately dependent on the earth, on our neighbors and our own self-reliance to provide our basic needs, and allows us to see the consequences of our use of creation.

Right now, the stability of the systems that sustain all life on earth is in jeopardy because of human activity through industrial society. Truth as understood through the scientific method has revealed that maintaining a recognizable civilization is not compatible with systematically increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. A growing scientific consensus suggests that carbon concentrations above approximately 350ppm pose catastrophic risk; human activity has already pushed this concentration above 390ppm. The sooner this trend is reversed, the more likely it is that our deepest hopes for peace, stable community, equality and justice may be realized.

We know that we don't have the answers of how to do all this, but we trust our corporate understanding of the spirit to lead us. We know that we must forgive ourselves for our complicity in this destructive system. We know we must strengthen our ability to love and to build our community to rise to this challenge. We hear the call to use our gifts in their diverse forms to take concrete action, live lives of integrity, and know that we cannot let this light be hidden under a bushel.

We believe Sessions in 2011 is an inflection point on this journey, and that there is much work to do to ensure Friends move forward in concrete action in the coming months.

We embark upon this journey with joy, knowing that we are not called to conform to the world but rather to be transformed by the spirit; to be a prophetic people to herald a new kingdom in this world. Already we feel the fruits of the spirit bubbling through us as we begin this work. We anticipate this, and look forward to the steady revelation of the path before us. We implore YAFs and others to take this message to their monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, and lives.

Abe also shared the YAFCWG Update for Sessions 2011:

Over the last eight months, YAFCWG has traveled in the ministry to several quarterly and monthly meetings to share our concerns, and encourage them to take communal action. In the course of our work, the Working Group has come up with several actions that individuals and communities can take, beyond those commonly discussed, to move us another step farther down the path to a more stable climate:

- **Support network for people who are taking action:** We can help those who decide to undertake more difficult commitments, and aid them with their calling.
- **Climate buddies:** Find someone interested in taking on a similar level of commitment, agree to keep each other honest, and encourage each other to greater heights.
- **Self-education:** The body of climate science goes back to the 1800s, and there is no reason to believe blindly. Solidify your knowledge base, so that you can help others learn.
- **Understand and deal with your carbon footprint:** There are numerous ways to approach this, ranging from changes in diet, to transportation, to heating your house, and so on. There is also a lot of information out there on this.
- **Encourage monthly meeting action:** What has your monthly meeting done so far? What else could they be doing? Does the monthly meeting (including the members) have resources available to use? Get an energy audit, get solar panels, plant a garden, and so on.
- **Always look for the next step:** This last recommendation is a call for Friends to celebrate and to be aware of, the progress they have made, and how that progress has provided a foundation for further construction of the Kingdom of God.

These are all first steps on a longer journey, and we recognize that as we take our first steps, the next ones will become clear.

Friends expressed their admiration and appreciation for the work that the Climate Working Group has done, but raised concerns about whether the minute accurately reflects the current condition of YAFs and whether the minute makes commitments that YAFs as a whole will not adhere to.

As a response to concerns about the readiness of YAFs to accept the minute without a deep knowledge or connection to the issue of climate change, Friends requested that YAFCWG present to the YAF community the “Traveling Road Show” they have taken to several monthly meetings.

A Friend asked the community to let go of their personal baggage and trust the work and care and convictions of the YAFCWG in creating this minute.

YAFCWG was asked to revise the minute, taking the concerns raised in this Meeting for Business into account.

12. Friends discussed a possible time for the scheduling of the YAFCWG presentation. The presentation will be at 9:30 tonight, Monday, August 8.

13. Friends closed with worship.

**Wednesday, August 10**

14. The clerk began the meeting with silent worship.

15. The clerk welcomed visitors into our Meeting for Business, including Eric Edwards (WFal), Leslie Manning (Dur), Dave McNab (Prov), Noah Baker Merrill (Put), Benigno Sanchez-Eppler (Nham), and Jerry Sazama (Stor).

16. The clerk read a letter from the Cuban Yearly Meeting Young Adult Friends. The letter sends us their blessing and says that they “felt led to invite around 10 young people from the New England Yearly Meeting to share wonderful experiences with us and enrich each other’s lives by learning from each other.” Their hope is that YAFs could join them for their annual summer camp in August, but they invite NEYM YAFs to come any time we can.

17. YAF Climate Working Group brought forward a revised version of their mission statement.

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Friends approved.

18. Abe Drayton (Weare) presented the following revised draft of the YAFCWG Minute.

We accept the reality that the stability of the systems that sustain all life on earth is in jeopardy because of human activity through industrial society. Truth as understood through the scientific method has revealed that maintaining a recognizable civilization is not compatible with systematically increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. A growing scientific consensus suggests that carbon concentrations above approximately 350ppm pose catastrophic risk; human activity has already pushed this concentration above 390ppm. The sooner this trend is reversed, the more likely it is that our deepest hopes for peace, stable community, equality and justice may be realized.

We know that we don’t have the answers of how to do all this, but we trust our corporate understanding of the spirit to lead us. We know that we must forgive ourselves for our complicity in this destructive system. We know we must strengthen our ability to love and to build our community to rise to this challenge. We hear the call from the Climate Working Group to use our gifts in their diverse forms to take concrete action, live lives of integrity, and know that we cannot let this burden lie. We believe this is an inflection point on this journey, and that there is much work to do to ensure Friends move forward in concrete action in the coming months.

Over the last eight months, the Working Group has come up with several actions that individuals and communities can take, beyond those commonly discussed, to move us another step farther down the path to a more stable climate:

- **Actively seek ways to take individual and community action.**
- **Be a support network for people who are taking action:** We can help those who decide to undertake more difficult commitments, and aid them with their calling.
- **Climate buddies:** Find someone interested in taking on a similar level of commitment, and agree to keep each other honest, and encourage each other to greater heights.
- **Self-education:** The body of climate science goes back to the 1800s, and there is no reason to believe blindly. Solidify your knowledge base, so that you can help others learn.
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- **Always look for the next step:** This last recommendation is a call for Friends to celebrate and to be aware of, the progress they have made, and how that progress has provided a foundation for further construction of the Kingdom of God.

These are all first steps on a longer journey, and we recognize that as we take our first steps, the next ones will become clear. We embark upon this journey with joy, knowing that we are not called to conform to the world but rather to be transformed by the spirit; to be a prophetic people to herald a new kingdom in this world. Already we feel the fruits of the spirit bubbling through us as we begin this work. We anticipate this, and look forward to the steady revelation of the path before us. The working group commits to act in ministry, leadership, and support as the YAF community moves forward on this issue.

Friends expressed gratitude for the work of YAFCWG and other Friends on this document.

Some Friends were concerned that the scientific language of the minute did not speak directly to our spiritual condition. Other Friends felt that the strength of the minute lies in the mix of the scientific background and the spirit-led response. Climate change is a problem that “rains on the just and the unjust alike”; it is a practical problem, and its consequences are not a matter of faith or spirituality. How climate change affects us and how we approach it are matters of spirituality, and the minute attempts to show this leap from a worldly problem to a spiritual call to action.

Friends approved the minute. The clerk thanked CWG for their work. Jay O'Hara (Wfal) of YAFCWG then thanked the YAF community for their support as the Climate Working Group takes on this new calling.

19. On behalf of the YAF Epistle Committee, Rosemary Zimmerman (Bur) shared a draft of the epistle.

Friends voiced gratitude for Epistle Committee's work. Friends affirmed the document's recognition of our diverse spiritual callings. One Friend affirmed the use of scriptural references, an element that may help this epistle resonate with Yearly Meetings who do not always connect with our epistles.

Friends considered the best way to include the previous minute from YAFCWG (minute 18).

Friends approved this Epistle with the understanding that the YAFCWG Minute will be included either as an excerpt, a summary, or an attachment and that Epistle Committee will work with interested Friends and YAFCWG to make suggested changes.

*See YAF Epistle, p. 70–72*

20. Ben asked Noah Baker Merrill (Put) and Benigno Sanchez-Eppler (Nham) to speak about the letter from the Cuban YAF Community.

This past year, Noah was one of three delegates who visited Cuba Yearly Meeting with Puente de Amigos. While in Cuba, the CYM YAF officers spoke with him about a new calling in their community to invite a delegation of NEYM YAFs to Cuba to share gifts of spiritual ministry.

Cuban YAFs have a strong sense that the strengths in ministry here in the NEYM YAF community are very diverse, and delegates could share in any type of ministry. A few ideas were mentioned: vocal ministry, clerking, music, gospel study, work as a Resource Person for teens or children, organization, communal know-how—any way that Friends do God's work with their hands. Another Friend added that those not called to ministry could also travel with this delegation as translators or as spiritual companions and elders for those ministering.

The trip would be sponsored by Puente de Amigos, YAFs, and NEYM, and would be approved by Permanent Board. Friends will hopefully travel for one to two weeks in August of 2012, probably leaving directly from NEYM Sessions.

The clerk asked Friends to close their eyes and then raise a hand if they felt interested in taking on this calling. Friends did so, and according to Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, "There is life here."

Noah Baker Merrill volunteered to be a point person for those interested. His email address will be sent out through the YAF listserv. Interested YAFs should contact him with their names, monthly meetings, and callings. His email address is: [noah.merrill@gmail.com](mailto:noah.merrill@gmail.com)

Friends may also discuss Puente de Amigos with Benigno Sanchez-Eppler or Evan McManamy (Ames).

21. Jerry Sazama (Stor) from the Call to Witness/Day of Discernment Planning Group spoke about a Contemplation and Action Working Group (CAWG) that he hoped would soon be formed by the adult business meeting. It would explore the relationship between actions and worship on a monthly meeting, quarterly meeting, and Yearly Meeting level. CAWG is looking for YAFs to join the group, one of whom would be a representative who would formally bring back reports to the YAF Yearly Meeting about the Working Group's progress.

Anna Barnett (Port) volunteered to work with CAWG, but was not yet clear to serve as a representative. The clerk asked if Friends felt comfortable allowing Ministry and Oversight to appoint a representative to CAWG. Friends approved.

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*[Note: The Contemplation and Action Working Group was not approved. For further details, see Minute 47, p. 29.]*

22. Leslie Manning (Dur) and Dave McNab (Prov) gave a report from the Working Party on Spirituality and Sexual Ethics.

The Working Party's calling is to work for the integration of sexuality and spirituality. They are not attempting to tell people how to have sex or with whom, they want to examine how to be spiritually ethical in a sexual relationship, how to choose a sexual relationship in which one can be ethical, and how we as a community of Friends can take this under our care.

The committee has asked monthly and quarterly meetings to explore this topic, and they have compiled a "Points of Unity" document from these responses. The Working Party is also developing a website that will include articles, forums, discussions, and papers relevant to this topic, which can be found at [davemcnab.info/WPSSE](http://davemcnab.info/WPSSE)

23. The clerk asked if Friends are comfortable with these Minutes being approved by M&O. Friends approved.

24. Friends closed with worship.

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## Minutes of the NEYM Young Friends (YFs)

### August 7, 2011

1. Meeting for worship with a concern for business opened with some singing and a moment of silence. Clerk Shani Hines (Hart) welcomed the meeting and all visitors. The YFs' visitor introduced himself as Jerry Sazama (Stor) from the adult business meeting, with some information about a current committee.

Shani then went on to explain to the Young Friends some finer points of business meeting. Business meeting is actually meeting for worship with a concern for business. She also stressed the importance of silence, true reflection, community, consensus, listening, and making concessions. She also mentioned the importance of leaving technology out of business meeting to be truly present. Asking questions was also stressed as being very important in the business meeting process, as well as showing support for others comments. Friends showed their agreement with these statements by the knocking gesture.

2. The first order of business was to talk about the YF Nominating Committee. As clerk of Nominating Committee Shani Hines began to explain the Nominating Committee process, and asked for another Nominating Committee member to explain the meeting on Saturday night. James Rider (Matt) talked about the list of personal qualities that was formed at the meeting and about the nominations sent in by the community. Shani Hines said that any people who believed strongly that a person should be nominated for YF Ministry & Counsel should talk to a member of Nominating Committee. She explained that an M&C member should be a leader and part of the community, and that M&C should have a range of people in the group to fit the diverse needs of the YF community. She mentioned that as the list of people

was narrowed, members of Nominating Committee would ask people who were nominated if they were willing to become part of M&C. A Friend reminded us to consider the work put in by Nominating Committee if asked by a Nominating Committee member to become part of M&C before saying no. Friends knocked in agreement.

3. The second order of business was reported by Jerry Sazama. Jerry is part of the Call to Witness and Day of Discernment Working Group. He posed the question “What could the social action and other committees do to integrate witness, as well as a business meeting and meeting for worship, to really discern where God is leading them?” He mentioned how important it is to use contemplation to see what actions we as the larger NEYM community should take, and spoke of the tension that is created between action and contemplation. He said that it was important to bring contemplation and action to a harmonious balance. On the NEYM unity agenda there is a proposal to form a working group to discern how to form unity between contemplation and action within the Yearly Meeting.

Suggested functions of the working group by the adult business meeting are:

- We ask the working group to encourage and facilitate additional gatherings for discernment and witness to enable us to have time together to listen for what God asks us to do.
- We ask the working group to keep examining the areas of differing viewpoints and spiritual practice that may be in the way of NEYM friends finding more effective and consistent Spirit-led involvement in the world.
- We expect the working group to work hard to facilitate a growing experience of “waiting in the Spirit” in such gatherings and throughout NEYM.
- We ask the working group to take measures to assure that the gatherings and its work make full use of the gifts of all New England Friends.

Jerry called for Young Friends to send a representative and also encouraged others to join as well.

Young Friends Coordinator Nia Thomas (Law) opened for questions and clarifications for Jerry. A question was raised about meeting times. Jerry answered that the committee would meet on Skype and attend NEYM Committee days, for which rides would be found for Young Friends. Another friend asked if the group would be organizing or doing projects together. He answered that there would be some kind of action, he referenced the 350<sup>th</sup> birthday in Newport, with a peace vigil, and community service project with time afterwards for discernment and reflection. Shani Hines connected the call to witness and day of discernment committee to a permanent clearness committee for demonstration and action. Jerry referenced the beginning of New England Quakerism 350 years ago, and the actions they took, and how NEYM can do that today while being Spirit-led. YFs “knocked” in agreement.

4. The Third order of business was to discuss retreat themes. The clerk called YFs to brainstorm for retreat themes, or for retreats that YFs enjoyed the past year. A list was formed which included many of the themes from the previous year as well as an anti-racism retreat, a Quaker and other world religions retreat, a games retreat, a bread-making and art retreat, a nature retreat, and a retreat working with the committee for action and contemplation. Nia Thomas mentioned that a theatre group, Theatre for Transformation, would be coming to a retreat in February. The question arose of whether the gender retreats should consist of separate gender retreats for boys and girls or a retreat with gender as the topic. Friends seemed to like the idea of having a retreat with gender as the topic in a meetinghouse that was big enough



for both the genders to be together and also for them to be separate at different points during the retreat. Resource Person Hilary Burgin (Acton) asked the retreat committee to stand in case of further suggestions.

5. The fourth order of business was to get a sense of whether Young Friends wanted to visit other business meetings while at Yearly Meeting sessions. Resource Person Tom Antonik (Portland) read a list of all of the groups of business meetings and asked for representatives to visit them. Tom mentioned that he has the schedules for all of the business meetings. Ally Joyal (Sandwich) & Haley Fardelmann volunteered to visit K-2. Jlynn Erikson (Monadnock) & Nora Catlin (Hartford) volunteered to visit JYM. Olivia Smiaroski (Upper Valley) & Acacia McDowell (New London) volunteered to visit JHYM. Juliet Smith (Old Chatham) & Briana Halliwell (Vassalboro) volunteered to visit YAFs, and Isaiah Grace (Beacon Hill) & Caleb Smith (Concord) volunteered to visit the adult business meeting.

Announcements were called for. Several committee meeting times were announced including Epistle Committee, Nominating Committee, and Coffeehouse Committee. Shani mentioned a time for sharing extra things that Friends had brought with people who had forgotten to pack them. She said a list of things that people needed would be created. Harrison Haines (Fresh Pond) prepared to leave yearly meeting and was enveloped in a group hug.

Meeting for business was closed with the song "Vine and Fig Tree."

### **Sunday Evening, August 7**

6. A short business meeting was called to discuss a problem with the Nominating Committee slate for Young Friends Ministry & Counsel. The meeting was opened with silent worship. Members of Nominating Committee then explained the problem that had arisen with the nominations from the community for M&C. All but four members of Nominating Committee had been nominated for M&C by the community, therefore Nominating Committee suggested that all but those four members step down. The reasons for this suggestion was that Nominating Committee was afraid that having so many of its members nominated might skew the view of the slate, and also that it would also might make meetings awkward or uncomfortable. Nominating Committee members called for questions and suggestions, and asked if the community was clear on the issue. Friends approved proceeding with a smaller Nominating Committee. The meeting was closed with a moment of silence.

### **Wednesday Morning, August 10**

7. Business Meeting opened with songs and a moment of silence. Shani Hines (clerk) then welcomed the YFs and visitors. The visitors introduced themselves as Tiana Withers (Put), a visiting YF, and Martha McManamy (Ames) representing the adult Yearly Meeting.

8. The first agenda item was for recording clerk Anna Schonwald (Dov) to read the minutes. Anna read the minutes with suggestions from the community to make sure all names mentioned were full names and to split the full meeting's minutes into individual agenda item minutes. Friends approved with the suggested changes.

9. The Retreat Committee presented their slate, and talked about how they worked to include retreats people liked from last year with the new ideas from the community to create the slate with weekends and places that those retreats would happen.

- October in Leverett, MA—Community building and involvement
- November in Portland, ME—Creativity Retreat
- December in Littleton, MA—Quakerism and World Religions
- February in Wellesley, MA—Diversity Retreat
- March in Westport, MA—Sexuality and Relationships
- May in Hartford, CT—Rest and Relaxation

The committee opened up for questions and suggestions. The YF community had a few suggestions such as places to do community work and concerns about not having a gender retreat. It was suggested that YFs could have a similar gender activity on a smaller scale at the sexuality and relationships retreat, that YFs could talk about sexuality and relationships in their specific gender community. It was suggested to the community to think about which retreat theme is first in the year, in consideration of the incoming freshman. It was also mentioned that perhaps the first retreat could be about forming community and participating in community involvement, really emphasizing the community part of the first retreat. Shani Hines called for questions and suggestions. Friends approved.

Shani suggested some worship, instead of including an FGC program, as the meeting still had much on the agenda to get through. Friends approved.

10. There was some silent worship before discussion of the proposed M&C slate. Shani asked members of Nominating Committee to do some affirmations as to why the members of the proposed slate were picked. The proposed slate is:

- Diana Kelly as clerk
- Katie Wood as recording clerk
- Quinn McCarthy
- Hannah Baker
- Caleb Martin Mooney
- Zoe Young
- James Rider
- Phoebe Hogue-Rodley

Members of Nominating Committee talked about why they chose the proposed slate. Many on the slate are wise beyond their years, very inclusive and have grown into great leaders. Phoebe was noted as not being at Yearly Meeting, therefore her place on the slate was pending her acceptance of the nomination. Members on the proposed M&C slate were asked to step out of the room with one RP, and were given a query. Friends were asked to voice opinions about the slate. Concerns were voiced about the differences between the YFs' Nominating Committee process and the adult process.

Friends examined the differences between the adult and the YFs' processes. In light of the current proposed slate, YFs were not comfortable with approving the slate at that time and that they would like some time to think over concerns and speak one-on-one with Nominating Committee members. An open Nominating Committee meeting was announced for 2 o'clock. It was agreed to revisit the problems in the Nominating Committee process at the Young Friends mid-winter retreat. Friends approved this, and the proposed M&C slate members were asked to be brought up to speed on the conclusions found by the meeting.

11. More visitors arrived during the meeting for business: Charlotte Fardelmann (Dov) representing adult business meeting, Friends from Cuba, Dikson Santiesteban and Adela Gonzalez-Longoria (presiding clerk of her monthly meeting), Cynthia Ganung (Well), and Regina McCarthy (Well) were welcomed.

Announcements consisted of meetings times. YFs were also asked to give contributions to snack committee. Caitlin McQuilken announced her departure from Yearly Meeting and asked for contact information from YFs. Charlotte mentioned her involvement with 20 people who visited the Cuban meetings and stressed the importance of following through with a leading to visit Cuba. Martha McManamy commented on the process of the community about how centered and caring YFs are in their concerns. James Rider (Matt) asked that interested YFs see him to plan a skit for YFs to do for coffeehouse. The meeting was closed after a moment of silence.

### **Wednesday Afternoon, August 10**

12. Business meeting began with singing and a moment of silent worship. Shani Hines (clerk) welcomed the YF community, and asked for their support. YF approved Briana Halliwell's (Vass) co-clerking of this meeting. Shani went on to explain the process of Nominating Committee to determine the M&C slate, and explained the difference in last year's jubilee. Shani stressed that the time that we have left is limited, she asked for the trust of the community in both Nominating Committee and herself, and explained that they had worked very hard to find this slate. It was acknowledged that many of the concerns were addressed in the break between business meetings, and were addressed in the Nominating Committee meeting. Nominating Committee arrived at the same slate that they had presented at the earlier meeting.

Much of the community spoke to this issue, such as bringing up that the proposed M&Cers all have faults and that if people have concerns that it should be talked about in the full community, that each person's comfort level is different, and asked the community to think from a place of love. The clerk then asked the members of the slate to make it clear if they were ready to be on M&C. Katie Wood (Storrs) talked about a concern that many on the slate were young, and that she would be willing to step up to the challenge of being recording clerk. Anna Schonwald (Dov, recording clerk) spoke of her original lack of experience and her journey with YFs.

The community was asked to see if it was ready to accept this slate. All on the proposed slate accepted their positions. Juliet Smith talked to the M&C slate about how much everyone believes in them. Friends then approved the M&C slate for next year. Nia Thomas spoke to YFs about steps to take in revising the Nominating Committee process after yearly meeting, the first being to contact her. Friends celebrated with a song.

13. The clerk introduced Chris Jorgenson (Camb) as a visitor and Shani and Nia Thomas revisited the working group on contemplation and action by explaining it with an interpretive dance. It was then asked for a YF or any YFs who felt led to be a part of the working group to step forward. The working group had not been approved in the adult business meeting yet, and the working group, if approved would be working throughout the year to figure out what to do to bridge contemplation and action. Resource person Aimee Belanger (Wport) helped clarify what that meant. Both Abby Reuscher (Port) and Acacia McDowell (NLon) felt led to be part of this group.

Epistle committee presented their epistle. They then asked for any corrections to be made. Shani Hines (clerk) explained that the epistle would be approved tomorrow so any general suggestions should be brought up and that more specific wording should be asked for tomorrow. Young Friends gave many good and constructive comments.

Isaiah Grace (B Hill) and Caleb Smith (Con) were asked to share their report from Adult Friends's business meeting minutes. The representatives from the YAF business meeting, Juliet Smith and Briana Halliwell (Vass) shared their report as well. Unfortunately JHYM and JYM representatives did not get to attend business meeting. YFs accepted these reports.

14. Next, there was a report about FGC, which is meeting next year in Kingston, Rhode Island. Caleb Smith (Con) spoke about going to FGC and the number of people he had met, as well as the workshops that run all week. He handed out postcards. He also talked about cost, financial support, and fireworks. Resource Person Frank Gatti (MTob) suggested that YFs might like to be on the planning committee for FGC, and talked about what that entails, so that YFs if they felt led could contact Frank.

Announcements about dance and coffeehouse committee comprised many of the announcements. James Rider (Matt) told the community that he signed YFs up for coffeehouse. Friends approved and later discerned the act that would be performed. M&C provided a short skit about being late to programs and friends thanked Nia Thomas and RP's for their work. Nia explained to Young Friends about the best way to fill out evaluations. She also explained the coffeehouse setup and dance and differences between this and other nights. Friends understood the expectations. Hilary Burgin explained how important respect is during coffeehouse, and Chris Jorgenson explained that YFs set the mood. Meeting was closed with a moment of silent worship.

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## Addendum to Yearly Meeting Minutes

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### Unity Agenda

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The items listed on the Unity Agenda were introduced in the Advance Documents and proposed for consideration on Sunday evening. Friends were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Unity Agenda, read the written information pertaining to each item in the Advance Documents, and consult with the Friends listed as resource people about any questions or concerns, in order to be ready to act on the items without discussion on Sunday evening.

This process helps us free additional time for corporate worship and discernment. The following items were initially included on the Unity Agenda:

- Accept Staff Reports (*See Staff Reports, p. 77–85*)
- Accept Committee Reports (*See Committee Reports, p. 86–108*)
- Approve Committee Purposes & Procedures except Christian Ed Committee (*See approved Committee Purposes & Procedures p. 109–126*)
- Approve continued employment of Nathaniel Shed and Jonathan Vogel-Borne
- Approve Clerks' Table Nomination Recommendations
  - YM Presiding Clerk: Jaqueline Stillwell (Mon)
  - Recording Clerks: Brian Drayton (Weare) and Rebecca Leuchak (Prov)
  - Reading Clerks: Will Jennings (B Hill) and Beth Bussiere-Nichols (Port)
- Approve Nominating Committee recommendations (*See Committee Rosters, p. 109–127*)
- Accept/Approve report and recommendations of Call to Witness/Day of Discernment Planning Group (*See report, p. 55–57*)
- Approve Clerk's minute on Theological Inclusivity (Withdrawn by clerk)
- Approve Bank Resolutions (*See p. 55*)

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### Listening Deeply: FUM and Us Panel

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*See Introductory Minute 25, p. 15–16*

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### Eden Grace (B Hill)

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Good morning, Friends. My name is Eden Grace and I'm a member of Beacon Hill Meeting.

I am very grateful to Hannah for opening this opportunity for the four of us to speak to you out of our own places of love and integrity and for her to invite us as a community to listen deeply and to lay aside the need to respond. I have the honor of going first, which isn't easy. And what I want to say to you isn't easy for me. But I do it as a member of this community, holding you all in a tremendous amount of love and trusting that you do the same for me.

About two weeks ago I was at Indiana Yearly Meeting, at which the main speaker was Jan Wood, who is well known among Friends. Maybe some of you have had the opportunity to hear her speak. She's from Northwest Yearly Meeting, and she has a very powerful witness and message that she brings wherever she goes, about the importance of confession and repentance, and how healing it can be to confess not only our personal sins but to confess the sins of our people. This is something I've experienced in Rwanda and seen how transformative it could be. From her ministry

at Indiana YM I felt that my message to you this morning came clear to me, and it's a message of confession.

I think many people here carry deep wounds from damaging religious experience in our past. I know I do. Those wounds may be closed over, but for many of us I think there's still some shrapnel trapped inside. Sometimes when we talk to each other as a community and we seek God's will together, those wounds become activated. That shrapnel causes a new sharp pain. An old wound can become a new pain or a reminder of pain. I know that happens for me and I believe that many of us have experienced religious trauma in our past that becomes a factor or an obstacle or just something that we bring into this room together.

Taking the challenge that Jan Wood presented and that I felt God calling me to embrace, I want to confess to you the sins of my people. Who are my people? I identify as a born-again Christian standing in the evangelical theological tradition and I want to speak to you today as a Christian and on behalf of my Christian people. Whether I agree with them or not, whether I have done any of these things personally or not, doesn't matter, because these are my people and if I choose to stand in the river of faith and identify with it, then I bear the sins of my people also on myself as a personal responsibility.

Therefore, on behalf of myself and my people, I confess that we have done terrible damage in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On behalf of myself and my people, I confess that we have denied the full humanity and spiritual gifts of those who are different, that we have used the loving and liberating word of God as a weapon. On behalf of myself and my people, I confess that we have claimed that some people are not worthy to be used by God in faithful service. I confess that we have behaved as if some sins are graver than others and some texts are more rigidly applied, bringing hypocrisy and inconsistency to our own Biblical scholarship.

On behalf of myself and my people, I confess that we have hijacked the symbols and texts of Christian faith and drastically narrowed their meaning. I confess that we have used violence in the name of the Prince of Peace. We have accused those who read the Bible differently than we do of not being loyal and obedient believers or not loving the Bible as much as we do. I confess on behalf of myself and my people that we have cared more for spiritual and otherworldly salvation than for justice and suffering and liberation from oppression. We have been consumed by our fear of how we might be contaminated by our fellowship with you. We have arrogantly believed that we have a full and complete understanding of the will of God and the proper application of the Bible in every context.

We have been judgmental, uncompromising, harsh, and uncharitable. I confess that we have desecrated the name of Jesus by acting in ways of which He would be so ashamed. I'm so sorry. I humbly repent and beg your forgiveness. In these and so many other ways, Christians, people who love Jesus, have presented a counterwitness. We have pushed people away from God, from the love and the liberation of God, instead of drawing them closer.

On behalf of myself and my people, I beg your forgiveness.

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**Brian Drayton (Weare)**

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I am embarrassed but glad to confess that for many years now, a watchword for me has been the title of Nayler's paper of confession and explanation: *To the life of God in all*. For me this encapsulates how we are to live together: to anchor our considerations, words, and deeds, in that life, and to speak and act so as to engage with that

life in others. This is a beautiful and challenging conception of human life, so I am glad to confess it as my motto; but I am very aware that on a daily basis I have failed to live in that life consistently—hence the embarrassment. But when I was asked to join this panel, and “to share your spiritual, emotional journey with FUM and our relationship with FUM,” it was the first thing that came to mind.

The second thing that I realized is, that I felt perplexed and intrigued, because no one has ever asked me a question like that with reference to FUM. Now, whenever I am feeling perplexed about something, I always reach for a primer: What are the foundation principles that apply here? Asking about the role of FUM is not the most basic question, from my point of view. The most basic question is, what are we about, in this Society?

We are called to holiness.

I have come to understand this difficult idea as the invitation, and perhaps imperative, to live wholly available to, at the disposal of, the divine life, whose being is both truth and love. Though that is the central goal, it is not always clear how next to move towards it, or re-orient to it after a time of wandering and distraction. To allow that Life to shape any particular situation very often requires growth and change—which is frustrating to wait for, sometimes, and joyous to experience when at last it comes.

I was led to Friends, from my childhood religion, driven with no clear destination, like Abraham’s father Terah, led by God out of Ur, but with no promised land ahead. I found among you the freedom to move towards this goal in a way that allowed maximum coherence and truthfulness to my condition. I also found the Quaker understanding of how to live the Gospel to be both inspiring and difficult to the highest degree; and the freedom it offers means that I am free to fail in any way that suits me.

It took me while to realize that I was overlooking one important implication of being led to a spiritual community, which is this: You have to be in community, because that’s how you learn about love and about truth, and come to understand the ways in which you do and do not embody them.

Entering a spiritual community means joining your spiritual life to that of the other members of the community. In Christian language, this means becoming a member of the body of Christ, with Christ as the head and fountainhead. Can the head say to the foot, I have no need of you? The deeper we go in this life, the more it becomes clear that my welfare and yours are bound up together (I am the vine, you are the branches). And so we must seek ever and again to stand in the divine life, if our goal is to dwell faithful to the Life of God in all, to speak in our various tongues, and undertake our witnesses for the building up of the whole body.

It is tempting but not wise to see the community as the *destination* of our search. Our religious society has emerged, under God’s guidance, we believe, as an aid to help us stay oriented to the calling to holiness, to nurture our learning and persistence towards the goal, and to give each other comfort and encouragement with our reports of progress along the way.

I think the better way to think of our community is as a *pathway*, which provides footing, guidance, and some help with orientation. Also, our community has examples of people who have more experience with the trail than I, and people moving at different speeds, some stepping off the path, some going backwards, some crashing through the undergrowth to leap onto the path and join the throng. But we don’t just share the path, all walking along as individuals, because in some important ways we are becoming *one*, in a way that transforms and renews our individual self.

Now, humans are tool-using creatures. Our religious society grew as a medium to help us stay oriented to the calling to holiness, to nurture our learning and persistence towards the goal, and to give each other comfort and encouragement with our reports of progress along the way. Sometimes we create new tools to solve problems we hadn't recognized before, and so institutions and systems proliferate.

Spiritually speaking, the problem with this aspect of human nature is that we are always falling, often unwittingly, into idolatry, into giving more reverence to the tools without which we cannot operate in the world than to the life in, through, and from which we are striving to act and grow. We can idolize our tribe, our favorite stories, a particular practice, and forget that tools are means, and that ultimately they are not the goal.

It is truthful to recognize this, but it requires love as well as truth, both in their active forms, to free ourselves from too great a dependence on our forms and structures.

So now I am ready to come to the subject of FUM. FUM, and FGC, are tools developed long ago to meet certain needs, and revised from time to time as needs and understandings have changed.

There are a lot of things about the stream of history that led from the separations of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and through all the years to our present time, that seem to me regrettable, and they have resulted in conditions and practices in both of these groupings of Friends which I feel oppress the life of God, or distract from our response to it. As so often with our best attempts at faithfulness, some blessing comes, but not unmixed, and perhaps most of all we suffer from the human inability to foresee the full consequences of our choices.

There are times when I just want to walk away from all the strife and contention, and despite my great love for this yearly meeting, the struggles about FUM (and the struggles we are neglecting, including some relating to FGC) make me want to say "Enough already, with all these committees and commitments and definitions, and this Society, which seems like a cracked vessel to hold the Spirit in!" But then I come to the spirit in which Erasmus, confronting the divided and corrupted religious society of the Renaissance, said "I must stay with this church until I find a better one, and the church must put up with me until I am a better person." I am not free of the leading that brought me here.

So then the task for me is to so inhabit my spiritual family as to forward everyone's growth in holiness, in availability to the Holy Spirit. This means putting everything to the test of love as well as truth. Because "love" can be pretty vague, I reach for a statement that requires more presence of mind, and more honesty: "Inasmuch as you do something to these even the least of my brethren, you do it to me."

It seems to me that if we are centered in love, then any acts driven by a disturbance of conscience, or new perception of truth, can be done in a way that reaches to the life of our Friends, and it must be done so. Finding the way to do that can take a long time, and will often leave us in perplexity, when we can only voice, or pray, our un-ease. But we are told that the tender, the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, the ones who long for righteousness, who mourn, who wash their friends' feet—*these* are the blessed, not the ones with all the answers. Love is rigorous, because we must be prepared to live it, and new occasions require new preparation.

As I was thinking about this event, my attention was drawn to the diagram or algorithm for appropriate speaking printed in our advance documents. What is in the Center, to which we are urged to return at many points? It's not just an empty circle, a place of nothingness. There is a spirit there, but not just any spirit. It is the Spirit



of the God who sends the sun and rain on the just and the unjust, whose law is summarized in love of God with your whole being, and of one's neighbor as one's self.

The Center is also filled with fire, with light, and the stream of divine life as if a stream of nourishing and cleansing water. Here again we find that love and light can be rigorous in their demands. (For example, try this as a discipline for a few months: If you go to the temple (meeting), and remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your offering at the altar (turn back before getting to meeting) and be reconciled with your brother/sister, and then return to worship and offer your gift).

We may think, sometimes, that we are returning to the center, but it's good to ask ourselves: Is our worship bringing us to a place in which impurities are named and burned away, certainties transformed, and everything dissolved and re-assembled by the action of love? If so, then little by little, *poco a poco* we are renewed, a little more free, a little more able to speak to the Life of God in all. If not, we have not come to the true worship, the Center of dynamic and turbulent peace. Sometimes, Friends, that is the center we have spoken from, but often it has not been. So we have more work to do.

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#### Anne-Marie Witzburg (Well)

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I have always been Quaker, even before I really knew what that meant. I have been Quaker in my upbringing, but also in my way of being in the world. I am Quaker because of the way I have been living out my values for as long as I can remember. In my household growing up, I learned that God has no hands on earth but ours. I have tried to take that forward by doing the work that I am called to do and by living my values.

In nursery school, my teachers assigned me to be a toy soldier in the Christmas play. Because I knew that I was a pacifist, I told them that I would not be a soldier. They took the toy soldiers out of the play.

I had always been told that all life is sacred. At four years old, I realized that to me, this meant I could no longer eat animals because they too are sacred. I have been vegetarian now for the past 27 years.

When I was in elementary school, we boycotted grapes. The United Farm Workers called for the boycott and we refused to buy grapes that were sold by companies that were spraying their workers with pesticides. We used this economic power to be in solidarity with the mistreated workers. We also boycotted Coca-Cola because they did business in apartheid South Africa.

I grew up with the understanding that it is a privilege to have resources—money, time, choices, and opportunities—but that it is also a responsibility to be the steward of those resources. Before I understood politics and economics and the wider implications and the intricate connections, I knew that that still small voice, the inner light, the divine light, God—which to me, are all the same—was informing my path and the choices I make along my journey. I have always known that I must be true to myself and listen to that still small voice and follow my leadings with integrity and trust.

I was Quaker for 27 years, and a member of Wellesley Friends Meeting for 10 years before I ever came to New England Yearly Meeting Sessions. This is only my fifth year here at sessions, so despite my deep and lifelong Quaker identity, compared to most, I am in some ways, still a newcomer. Even so, I was immediately

taken in by the YAF community in the most nurturing and loving way. This has undoubtedly changed my life.

One of the things I have realized recently about being Quaker is that we are all on different paths. We are all called to be different and to do different things. In order to live with integrity, we don't do someone else's work.

I have seen how sometimes, "being" Quaker means being called to "do" something. Sometimes, we are called to act because we are called to live in the world, not of it, and we are called to live by example and live our values out loud. Sometimes we are called to action in concert with people who are on another path. I have worked with the Catholic Workers to shut down Guantanamo, but I am not Catholic. We are not the same, but have worked lovingly together, side by side.

It has not always been easy for me to work with people who are different. I remember how I used to feel alienated from people who wear those WWJD—What Would Jesus Do—bracelets. However, one day it struck me that the answer to that question is simple; it is always that Jesus would love. What would Jesus do? Jesus would love. And I am totally on board with that. It's not my vocabulary, it's not my language, but the sentiment rings true. I know that if that if we can get to the heart of the matter, then we can find that common ground.

I still struggle to find the balance of being respectful of others' leadings and paths, but also not betray my own sense of values, of truth, and not buy into cultural relativism and therefore deny the Light that is within all human beings.

When I was little, being Quaker meant that you looked for that of God—for the Light—in everyone, and that it was always in there. It meant you didn't have to be everyone's best friend, but that everyone had something good inside them. And I grew up thinking that all Quakers loved everyone else—after all, that's what Jesus would do. It surprised me how hard it hit me when I realized that there were Quaker organizations with homophobic personnel policies and operating within the bounds of homophobic government policies. I saw it shake my family to the core when they realized that in the eyes of some with whom we share the name Quaker, their two daughters are not in fact equal. For all my good work, for all the love I have to give and share, why am I somehow less than my sister because her partner is a man and mine is a woman?

I have been on a rollercoaster ride trying to hold both the important and much needed work that FUM does and the wonderful people who are called to do that work, but also hold my family who have spent their whole lives trying to live by example and steward their resources of time and money in a way that feels faithful to their values. I feel a little of my heart break as I hold that work, and then when my parents explain to me how they cannot be a part of something that spreads hate. How they cannot have it done in their name. And I understand that.

To me, it comes back to the different paths that we are all on. If we are all truly listening to our leadings and to what we must do, then we are all doing the right thing. In terms of our relationship as individuals and as a Yearly Meeting to FUM, I have come to think that we need to trust each other to listen to that still small voice, and that we must do the work we must do. If God has no hands on earth but ours, then it is our responsibility to do that work. For some of us, that work is going to Africa and working in the orphanage or helping bring clean water or food. For some of us, that work is putting time and money into organizations here and in other places that are working on other angles of the root causes of poverty, inequality of access to healthcare and education, or ignorance, fear, and hate. Just as much as I cannot ask some of you to stop your work with FUM Friends, I cannot ask others of

you to be members—in name or in financial contribution—of a group that does not align with your values. You are all doing God’s work—you are all using your hands, but in different ways.

I feel the spiritual grounding of the work that goes on in the FUM missions, and I feel the spiritual grounding of resisting membership in that group. One is not more holy, more spirit-filled, more honest. They are both the living out loud manifestations of doing God’s work. To me, they are both exactly what we are supposed to be doing—we are supposed to be living examples of our values. As Quakers, we have a history of living among non-Quakers and not keeping our beliefs and values to ourselves. We do not tuck ourselves away in the safety of others who are all the same. We live in the world and not of it, we work in a world that needs us to take our values and live them out. To me, there is nothing more spiritually grounded or Light-filled than living and breathing the Testimonies in such a way that it impels you to be the change you wish to see in the world. This is not political agenda or urgency, but spiritual urgency to act politically. We need to translate our “being” Quaker into “doing” Quaker. It turns out that this can look very different to different people, but I do believe it is all tied together by the spirit-led underpinnings of the Light.

There are many places that I have questions and concerns and that I know that I am still stuck.

I worry what it truly means to tolerate and accept difference in others, and where the line is between loving others who are on different points of their own journey versus betraying my own values.

I have nagging concerns that eat away at my sense of peace around why I am part of a Yearly Meeting that rejects membership in racist organizations but where racism still wields its hateful head. I have nagging concerns about why I am part of a Yearly Meeting that insists on membership in a homophobic organization while denying that homophobia lives among us still.

I worry about why we ally ourselves with groups that promote women and people of color in positions of authority while we also ally ourselves with groups that discriminate against LGBTQ people.

I worry about questioning my own still small voice instead of listening fully and following faithfully what I know to be true and right.

I worry about homophobia and internalized homophobia, and questions of white privilege and guilt and how these struggles can get in the way of my listening to the Light and my leadings.

And I wonder if other people have these struggles as well.

Through all of it, I am forever grateful to my loving family and my beautiful YAF community for grappling with silent worship but not living silently, for talking about these issues and these struggles together and for helping each other along our journeys as we crisscross along the way.

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#### Lisa Graustein (BHill)

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Good morning. As Hannah said, my name is Lisa Graustein and I am a member of Beacon Hill Friends Meeting in Boston. I was very active in Young Friends in high school and in YAFs in my early twenties, I staffed Young Friends for 13 years, and I have served on a bunch of NEYM committees. I am also a mom, a lesbian, and a high school teacher.

I want to share with you a little bit of my experience with FUM and some of my experiences with homophobia and heterosexism among Friends.

I was one of your representatives to the FUM triennials in 1999 and 2002. These took place in Virginia and Nairobi, respectively. Much of the talk at that first triennial in Virginia was about global debt relief and an international movement at the time for industrialized nations to forgive the crippling debts “owed” us by many countries in the global south. I left the conference with a dual impression of paternalism and privileged ignorance on the part of most North American Friends and deep sense of humility and gratitude for the East African Friends who had so eloquently and kindly and repeatedly tried to get us North Americans to understand just how real and mortal this issue was.

For the 2002 triennial in Nairobi, I both wanted to know the breadth of FUM Friends—both East African and North American. So I traveled for three weeks before the triennial with a group of Friends from North Carolina, Iowa and Western Yearly Meetings, working to build a medical dispensary for a Kenyan-run mission in northern Kenya. Following the triennial, I had the chance to stay in the homes of Western Kenyan Friends. I met and got to know so many different Friends from both continents:

- women who were creating and running care centers for the hundreds of children orphaned by AIDS in their villages
- older men who I found to be condescending and dismissive of me as a younger woman
- a YM Superintendent who eventually lost his job because he supported a meeting that wanted to marry a gay couple
- a young straight woman who, to me, is perhaps one the strongest examples of what it is to be a Quaker in every aspect of our lives, who has formed a worship group with a bunch of older gay men—a worship group that is essentially underground within FUM
- a young man who I read to be deeply closeted and conflicted because where he lived there was no option of being gay and loving Christ
- people I was condescending to and dismissive of
- a Friend who was running Uganda’s HIV/AIDS programs—the most progressive and comprehensive HIV/AIDS program in the world
- a Friend who quietly told me that he had met and come to respect a lesbian couple, but that he couldn’t even acknowledge that at his church
- Friends whose homes I stayed in with family members who had come home to die from AIDS

The point being—Friends in FUM are a diverse, complex and multi-faceted group of people. There are many gay, lesbian, bi, and trans Friends and straight allies among FUM Friends; there are many Friends who are dealing with an AIDS epidemic few of us from this country can fully comprehend.

So when I think about our relationship as a Yearly Meeting with FUM—I think about all these different people and it helps me appreciate just what a job it is to ask for and help facilitate change.

In thinking about what it means to change or transform homophobia, I think it is important to tease out the different stages. So, there is

**Homophobia**—the hatred/fear of and discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and other gender-variant people—I’ll mostly be using “gay” or “queer” as a short-hand umbrella term for this large and diverse group of folks, of which I am one.

**Heterosexism**—the world-view that straight and gender-conforming is normal and right, and that anything outside of that or different from that is weird, odd, different, exotic . . . not normal.

**Tolerance**—grudgingly making some space for queer folks and putting up with difference.

**Acceptance**—accepting the presence, gifts, and contributions queer folks have to offer the world without requiring us to be closeted; accepting that queer people are, you know, people.

And

**Ally**—someone who actively works to change the world and themselves so that all people get to experience the same privileges, benefits, and rights.

What I hear us struggling with, is how to be a corporate ally when we are in relationship with an organization that has an explicitly homophobic policy and practice in place. This is really hard, complicated work. It requires both inward and outward work.

When I was your Young Friends coordinator, I was the first openly gay member of the YouthQuake planning committee. This was a national youth conference that drew from all the major branches of Quakerism—FGC, FUM, EFI, and Conservative. The participation of openly gay staff had been a large and contentious issue among the different YMs that participated—and some had chosen to no longer participate—for many years before I joined committee.

The planning committee that I was on had decided that at the upcoming gathering, I was going to be allowed to organize logistics, but not speak at the microphone or lead any program. This was the “compromise” that needed to be made for the gathering to happen. The gathering ended up being canceled and YouthQuake laid down for a number of reasons, this one of them.

I was, and am to this day, deeply, deeply conflicted about this decision that I was a part of. I don’t think I could have honored it. To deny myself, our young people and God my gifts in the name of compromise would have been wrong. During one of our breaks on the planning committee, I was speaking with a good friend from another YM about this. His YM did not think that it was OK for their youth to participate in the gathering, in part because there might be openly gay staff there. Yet, the YM felt that the spirit of the conference and its purpose was so important, that even though none of their youth were going to participate, they were sending staff and funding to both the planning committee and the gathering.

This Friend explained the fear within his YM: “Lisa,” he said, “the concern is not that you would use to microphone inappropriately to try to change any of our youth or advocate a gay lifestyle. The fear is that you would lead a program and be spectacular, that our kids would love you and then want to be like you.” I can’t tell you how that cut me: “our fear is that our kids would want to be like you.” I have worked my entire adult life to be a good role model and mentor for young people.

When I came back from this planning meeting, I was upset and angry and hurt and confused. When I shared some of this in my staff report at Sessions, I effectively outed myself to many of you who hadn’t known that I am gay. Some Friends were supportive and affirming. The Young Friends were amazingly supportive of me as a lesbian, as a youth worker, and as a person. But a bunch of Friends I did know and some I didn’t said some really homophobic and heterosexist things to me at Sessions: that I “didn’t look gay,” that they “never would have guessed that I was a lesbian and how surprising that was” and, my favorite, one Friend thanked me “for not being one of those lesbians with an agenda” (p.s. I do actually have a bunch of agendas—but

that is more because I am a Quaker than because I am gay). They missed the point completely—I was asking for support in dealing with homophobia and they took it as an invitation to discuss my sexual orientation and their stereotypes with me. This is heterosexism.

I was upset by this, but the number of straight Friends who heard these comments and said nothing was more upsetting. At a meeting of Personnel Committee that fall, I brought this up, just as I would bring up harassment to my boss at any other job. The first—and only response—I got was: “Lisa, have you considered these comments as opportunities to do some education?” Now, let me say three things about this:

1. I was hired to run a great youth program, not to be the YM queer ambassador and educator; those of us who are out in our jobs and lives are constantly being called on, explicitly and implicitly, to educate straight people all the time. To share experiences of overt heterosexism and to be told, essentially, to solve it myself—felt dismissive, belittlingly, and un-Quakerly.
2. I believe this Friend was sincerely and truly trying to help me. This Friend and the two others who were a part of this conversation, are Friends I have known for years, whom I love deeply, consider my elders in every good Quakerly sense of the word, whom I know to be strong allies, and to whom I have and will turn to again for counsel and support.
3. I was hurt, again, by this response and angry about it. I complained for a long time to close Friends about this; I used it as an excuse to be pissed off and as a reason for becoming less involved and more disengaged. However, I’ve come (almost come?) to a place of true forgiveness and peace with it for these reasons, though it has taken a lot of work: I can hold the intention of the response and the impact separately. I can appreciate the intention to care for me and try to help me reframe a challenging situation. I can live with the impact of the response because it has become a powerful lesson in better understanding the ways in which I, as a white person, fail my friends of color all the time. I am no better and no worse, just equally trying.

I wanted to share this story because I think it represents just how deep this work of change is, how tremendously the little things can matter, and how hard it is to be fully human with each other in a pervasive culture of homophobia and heterosexism. If this was our response to my experiences—what is it that we are asking of 100,000 other Friends—many of whom have not had any exposure to out Friends or positive messages about Queer people? We—NEYM—still have a lot of work to do. We cycle back and forth between being an ally and heterosexism. In fact just yesterday I incorrectly and publicly named another person’s sexual orientation. I have apologized privately, but not publicly yet. This is hard, complicated work and we will be imperfect.

I don’t know what we should or will do with our relationship with FUM. I do know, that to have integrity in asking others to move from places of homophobia and heterosexism to those of acceptance and being allies, we need to examine the ways in which homophobia and heterosexism are still alive within us—and then do the work to change. When I shift the question from “What are we going to do about FUM?!” to “How can I be an a better ally to queer Friends in NEYM and in other Yearly Meetings?” I move from frustration and despair to a place of self-reflection, creativity and action. Our spiritual challenge is to become stronger allies, to become fuller human beings and make the space for all people to be their full, God-given selves.

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**Bank Resolutions Minute**


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The following resolutions are brought by the Finance Committee:

1. That Edward Mair be appointed New England Yearly Meeting as treasurer for the ensuing year.
2. That Sandra Moyer be appointed New England Yearly Meeting assistant treasurer for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified.
3. That Elizabeth Muench be appointed Friends Camp treasurer for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Friends Camp treasurer will work under the oversight of the NEYM treasurer and the Friends Camp director.
4. That the NEYM treasurer be authorized to open and close bank accounts in the name of New England Yearly Meeting as needed.
5. That the Camp treasurer be authorized to open and close bank accounts in the name of Friends Camp as needed.
6. That the assistant treasurer, communications director/office manager and the Yearly Meeting secretary be designated as alternate signers, individually, of all bank accounts of NEYM of the Religious Society of Friends, except those separately defined in #7, for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified.
7. That the Friends Camp director, the Friends Camp treasurer, and a designated member of the Friends Camp Committee be authorized, individually, as signers of the Friends Camp bank accounts.

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**Call to Witness and  
Day of Discernment Planning Group**


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In response to a call to witness and an invitation to engage in corporate discernment prompted by our work together at the 2010 Sessions, Friends from around New England gathered in Boston (MA) and Wellesley (MA) on April 22–23, 2011.

We gathered in worship in the Beacon Hill Friends House and then shared our calls for peace with the passersby on the Boston Common during Friends Meeting at Cambridge's 50<sup>th</sup> annual silent Good Friday Witness for Peace.

Later on the first day, we experienced the Awakening the Dreamer program presented by Steven Chase (Put). During this program, we received and shared information and messages about the tragic state of our planet.

We gathered the next day at Wellesley Monthly Meeting for a Day of Discernment in which we were asked to listen for God's call of what we should do. After time together in small worship-sharing groups, we heard their reports. We then gathered in worship before and after lunch.

Roughly 60 Friends attended each event, and about 35 Friends attended all three events.

In this report we summarize what we heard at the Day of Discernment and our recommendations for future work.

**Vocal Messages Heard at the Day of Discernment**

- Ministry focused on the improper use of the planet's resources, ongoing to such an extent that significant disaster seems to a great many of us almost certain.



- As participants in a rich country that is consuming far more than our share of Earth's resources, ministry called us to come face-to-face with our own culpability.
- Many Friends called us to act with greatly increased urgency and activity to heal the planet.
- Some Friends indicated concern that we might be motivated to act out of fear and counseled that such motivation seems not a dependable guide.
- Ministry focused on the possibility that somehow we are still missing something(s) important that God would disclose to us about how to respond to the condition of the earth and other matters, if we would but "wait on the Spirit" sufficiently and be open enough to transformation.
- A message expressed a strong reluctance to going out into the world to witness/preach without first walking the path preached.
- Several Friends called us to greater effort to allow time between messages for those assembled to experience the spirit in the previous message and for those whom God would have speak next to prepare in a manner perhaps affected by some of what God had already communicated.
- Ministry affirmed that we need to more often act grounded in cooperation instead of competition.
- Some Friends expressed the sense that we need not "do" unified action together if we are all doing something faithful as individuals.
- Some Friends expressed faith that finding God's call to action for us as a unified group would likely be most effective.
- Ministry expressed a deep sense that "all is well" and called us to a living regard for how much work (spiritual and otherwise) there is to be done and called us to appreciate that everyone has an important role to play.
- Ministry called us to examine with focus and effort the reality that there are involved and able Friends who are also people of color among us who feel, over the years, unheard and marginalized and under-utilized within the NEYM community.
- We heard ministry which affirmed that our Western society has increasingly used violence to enforce the current global distribution of power and resources.
- Several Friends called us to continue and intensify our recent efforts to engage in more frequent prayer and discernment together.

#### Where were we at the close of the Day of Discernment?

- We were discussing moving ahead with another Day of Discernment in which we might focus our discernment much more precisely.
- We discussed focusing the next discernment event on the nature and details of concrete witness Friends could undertake together in response to the impending environmental disaster we believe we face.
- We discussed the possibility that any next event might emphasize that Friends present wait longer in the Spirit.
- We discussed asking Friends most drawn to public witness and Friends most drawn to additional contemplation and prayer to agree to actively involve themselves in both spiritual activities and to do both together.
- We were discussing whether any next steps would properly take place at the Yearly Meeting, monthly meeting and/or quarterly meeting level.



### Our Recommendations

We report that we feel the work that has been started needs to be continued. We urge Friends to seek God's calls to witness and to support those who act on these calls. Ministry we heard urged us to be particularly mindful of healing our broken Earth and the marginalization and lack of respect experienced by people of color.

Throughout the above document we present evidence of the tension between the need to listen for guidance and the need for action. Even within our small group, we struggled with this tension. We certainly encourage Friends to continue their activism. However, our history as part of the Religious Society of Friends witnesses to the possibility of corporate action and the powerful effects of such action. We feel that there is a corporate voice yet to be heard that may only be found through the resolution of this tension.

To that end, we ask the Yearly Meeting to establish a Working Group on Contemplation and Action to encourage the integration of contemplation and Spirit-led action within monthly and quarterly meetings and Yearly Meeting.

We are hopeful that the Working Group will be made up of representatives from at least Earthcare Ministry, Ministry & Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns, Permanent Board, Racial, Social, and Economic Justice, Young Adult Friends, and Young Friends. It would report to Permanent Board.

We ask the Working Group to encourage and facilitate additional gatherings for discernment and witness to enable us to have time together to listen for what God asks us to do. We ask the Working Group to keep examining the areas of differing viewpoint and spiritual practice that may be in the way of NEYM Friends finding more effective and consistent Spirit-led involvement in the world. We expect the Working Group to work hard to facilitate a growing experience of "waiting in the Spirit" in such gatherings and throughout NEYM. We ask the Working Group to take measures to assure that the gatherings and its work make full use of the gifts of all New England Friends.

— IAN HARRINGTON, CLERK

## New England Yearly Meeting Financial Statements

The following financial reports are provided by the organizations themselves. These accounts are reviewed annually, generally after the Minute Book has gone to press. Reviewed copies will be available upon request from the NEYM office. Any substantial changes will be noted in next year's Minute Book.

### Statement of Activities FY11 and Budget FY12

<b>Income</b>	<b>Total FY11 Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>FY12 Budget</b>
4010 Individual Contributions	\$94,713.83	\$117,000.00	\$110,000.00
4020 Monthly Mtg Contributions	313,509.70	300,000.00	310,000.00*
4030 Organizations Contributions	863.52	2,200.00	2,200.00
4050 Interest and Dividend Income	9,106.37	11,000.00	12,000.00
4070 Books and other Items	20,196.25	20,000.00	20,000.00
4080 Retreat Program Fees	43,589.00	48,500.00	51,370.00
4085 Sessions Program Fees	161,115.81	173,500.00	173,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$643,444.48</b>	<b>\$672,200.00</b>	<b>\$679,070.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total 5000 Staff	\$281,690.61	\$285,582.00	\$303,142.00
Total 5100 General & Admin	40,224.49	53,750.00	45,250.00
Total 5300 Travel & Conferences	21,725.13	29,000.00	24,000.00
Total 6000 Programs	225,158.30	257,525.00	232,400.00
Total 6140 Books and Other	16,725.38	17,500.00	14,500.00
<b>6200 Benevolence</b>			
6310 FGC	16,635.00	16,635.00	17,608.00
6320 FUM	16,635.00	16,635.00	16,635.00
6325 FWCC	5,990.00	5,990.00	7,206.00
6328 Ramallah Friends School	100.00	100.00	100.00
6330 Friends' Organizations	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
6575 Other Organizations	—	650.00	650.00
6590 Ecumenical Organizations	4,875.00	4,850.00	4,400.00
<b>Total 6200 Benevolence</b>	<b>46,385.00</b>	<b>47,010.00</b>	<b>48,749.00</b>
6600 Publications	12,409.08	12,500.00	10,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$644,327.99</b>	<b>\$702,867.00</b>	<b>\$678,541.00</b>
<b>Net Income - Expenses</b>	<b>(\$883.51)</b>	<b>(\$30,667.00)</b>	<b>\$529.00</b>

\* To meet this number, monthly meetings will need to contribute, on average, \$110 per resident member. (\$310,000/2,819 members, see Meeting Statistics pgs 167-169)

**Statement of Financial Position  
as of Sept. 30, 2011**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>FY2011 Total \$</b>	<b>FY2010 Total \$</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
1000 Checking Accounts	\$57,773.70	(\$76,259.00)	\$134,032.70
1020 Money Market Accounts	36,563.94	122,943.48	(86,379.54)
1050 Certificates of Deposits	113,150.59	167,384.11	(54,233.52)
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>207,488.23</b>	<b>214,068.59</b>	<b>(6,580.36)</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
1200 Accounts Receivable	93,983.90	97,579.38	(3,595.48)
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>93,983.90</b>	<b>97,579.38</b>	<b>(3,595.48)</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
1075 Pooled Funds	615,681.39	591,928.15	23,753.24
1100 Accrued Receivable	(283.96)	(193.96)	(90.00)
1110 Due to/from Friends Camp	610.45	43,251.71	(42,641.26)
1150 Prepaid Expenses	4,912.14	1,150.00	3,762.14
1190 Misc Due to/from	43,615.97	-3,891.59	47,507.56
1499 Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>664,535.99</b>	<b>632,244.31</b>	<b>32,291.68</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$966,008.12</b>	<b>\$943,892.28</b>	<b>\$22,115.84</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
2010 Accrued Liabilities	\$2,491.04	\$8,301.04	(\$5,810.00)
2150 Health Insurance Premium	0.00	927.11	(927.11)
2155 Sect 125 Employee Withholding	353.61	181.73	171.88
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,844.65</b>	<b>9,409.88</b>	<b>(6,565.23)</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
3500 Working Capital	189,168.41	149,064.16	40,104.25
3600 Board Designated Funds	128,351.01	113,709.81	14,641.20
3700 Revolving Accounts	167,603.23	156,695.50	10,907.73
3800 Perm.Restricted Funds	470,043.56	474,908.68	(4,865.12)
3900 Retained Earnings	(42.82)	17,220.15	(17,262.97)
Net Income (Inc. in Fair Mkt Value)	8,040.08	22,884.10	(14,844.02)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>963,163.47</b>	<b>934,482.40</b>	<b>28,681.07</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$966,008.12</b>	<b>\$943,892.28</b>	<b>\$22,115.84</b>

**Note:** Last Year's Minute book incorrectly showed a total of \$951,675.46 for FY2010. The correct number is as shown here: \$943,892.28. The discrepancy was identified and corrected during FY2011. —ED MAIR, TREASURER

**Report A: Monthly Meeting Support (incl. support for Puente de Amigos)****Connecticut Valley Quarter**

Hartford	\$16,194.20
Litchfield Hills	500.00
Middletown	1,000.00
Mount Toby	19,350.00
New Haven	9,610.00
New London	—
Northampton	7,609.00
South Berkshire	1,000.00
Storrs	8,900.00
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$ 64,163.20</b>

**Dover Quarter**

Concord	\$ 3,345.00
Dover	3,812.00
Gonic	—
North Sandwich	453.00
Weare	1,200.00
West Epping	—
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$8,810.00</b>

**Falmouth Quarter**

Brunswick	\$ 1,100.00
Durham	5,150.00
Lewiston	1,205.00
Oxford Hills	—
Portland	18,450.00
Southern Maine	425.00
Windham	420.00
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$26,750.00</b>

**Northwest Quarter**

Barton-Glover	\$ 689.50
Bennington	3,475.00
Burlington	6,339.00
Hanover	16,216.33
Keene	—
Middlebury	2,495.00
Monadnock	4,700.00
Plainfield	1,750.00
Putney	4,120.00
Quaker City-Unity	675.00
South Starksboro	350.00
Wilderness	388.00
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$41,197.83</b>

**Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarter**

Providence	\$19,900.00
Smithfield	—
Westerly	5,000.00
Worcester	4,675.00
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$29,575.00</b>

**Salem Quarter**

Acton	\$3,913.00
Amesbury	2,300.00
Beacon Hill	8,175.00
Cambridge	54,581.00
Framingham	9,800.00
Fresh Pond	6,600
Lawrence	—
North Shore	2,600.00
South Shore PM	50.00
Wellesley	18,355.92
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$106,374.92</b>

**Sandwich Quarter**

Barnstable FM (PM)	\$1,040.00
Allen's Neck	2,460.00
Dartmouth/Smith Neck	1,000.00
East Sandwich PM	—
Martha's Vineyard	455.00
Mattapoisett	1,344.00
New Bedford	572.00
Sandwich	200.00
West Falmouth PM	5,200.00
Westport	4,550.00
Yarmouth PM	4,150.00
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$20,971.00</b>

**Vassalboro Quarter**

Acadia	\$2,000.00
Belfast	330.00
China	—
Cobscook	450.00
Eggemoggin	80.00
Farmington	689.50
Midcoast	4,000.00
Narramissic Valley	400.00
North Fairfield	—
Orono	700.00
Pondtown	—
Vassalboro	6,200.00
Winthrop	1,000.00
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>\$15,849.50</b>

<b>Total, All Quarters</b>	<b>\$313,509.70</b>
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These figures do not include contributions received after the close of the fiscal year.

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**Report B: FY10 NEYM Retreats & Workshops**


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	<b>FY2011 Income</b>	<b>FY2011 Expense</b>	<b>FY2011 Net Income</b>
405 JYM Retreat	\$7,210.00	\$9,459.00	(\$2,249.00)
410 Jr H Retreat	8,040.00	8,038.00	2.00
415 Young Friends	16,403.00	14,336.00	2,067.00
420 YAF	3,275.00	2,242.00	1,033.00
425 M&C Retreat	2,386.00	2,244.00	142.00
430 Pastors' Retreat	4,928.00	5,367.00	(439.00)
Workshops	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,242.00</b>	<b>\$41,686.00</b>	<b>\$556.00</b>

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**Report C: FY11 Committee Expenses  
and FY12 Budgets**


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<b>NEYM Committees</b>	<b>FY2011 Actual</b>	<b>FY2011 Budget</b>	<b>FY2011 Difference</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>
305 Aging	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$50.00
308 Archives	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	50.00
310 Christian Education	1,881.00	2,050.00	(169.00)	2,050.00
315 Coord & Advisory	83.00	1,000.00	(917.00)	500.00
320 Faith & Practice	908.00	1,750.00	(842.00)	1,250.00
Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
325 FGC	0.00	800.00	(800.00)	400.00
330 FUM	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	500.00
335 FWCC	25.00	1,450.00	(1,425.00)	1,350.00
340 Ministry & Counsel	155.00	400.00	(245.00)	300.00
345 Peace & Social Concerns	31.00	900.00	(869.00)	400.00
350 Puente De Amigos	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,200.00
355 RSEJ	1,690.00	1,500.00	190.00	1,500.00
360 Youth Programs	174.00	1,175.00	(1,001.00)	100.00
370 Quaker Earth Witness	22.00	250.00	(228.00)	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,969.00</b>	<b>\$12,625.00</b>	<b>(\$6,656.00)</b>	<b>\$10,300.00</b>

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**Report D— Board Designated Funds**


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	<b>FY2011 Closing Balance</b>	<b>FY2010 Closing Balance</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>FMV Change</b>	<b>Other Income</b>
<b>3600 Board Desig. Funds</b>					
3620 Faith & Practice Revision	\$34,898	\$33,453	\$504	\$839	\$102
3630 World Conference Travel	7,000	4,000	0	0	3,000
3650 Quasi Endowment	86,453	84,040	1,266	2,108	0
<b>Total Board Desig. Funds</b>	<b>\$128,351</b>	<b>\$121,493</b>	<b>\$1,770</b>	<b>\$2,947</b>	<b>\$3,102</b>

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**Report E— Revolving Accounts**


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	<b>FY2011 Closing Balance</b>	<b>FY2010 Closing Balance</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>FMV Change</b>	<b>Other Income</b>	<b>Expended Funds</b>
<b>3700 Revolving Accts</b>						
3705 Archives	\$4,346	\$4,346	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
3712 FUM Intervisitation	1,654	1,654	—	—	—	—
3715 Peaceworker	1,784	1,784	—	—	—	—
3720 Prejudice & Poverty	1,512	1,412	—	—	100	—
3725 Puente de Amigos	3,839	4,271	—	—	5,150	5,582
3730 Suffering	4,939	4,939	—	—	—	—
3740 CE Pubs	0	0	—	—	—	—
3750 M&C Publications	0	21	—	—	—	21
3755 Student Loan	137,193	135,298	569	947	379	—
3760 YF Travel	2,971	2,971	—	—	—	—
3780 FCNL Pass through	0	0	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Revolving Accts</b>	<b>\$158,238</b>	<b>\$156,696</b>	<b>\$569</b>	<b>\$947</b>	<b>\$5,629</b>	<b>\$5,603</b>

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<b>Peace Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$9,365</b>
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Report F— Donor Restricted Funds

	FY11	FY10	Interest	FMV	Other	Expended	Available
3800 Permanently Restricted Funds	Closing Balance	Closing Balance	Earned	Change	Income	Funds	FY2011
3802 Endowment Fund	\$20,527	\$19,773	\$283	\$471	\$—	\$—	\$981
3804 Alice Needham	15,591	15,786	226	376	—	797	797
3806 Amy S. Hayden	51,288	51,841	743	1,237	—	2,532	2,532
3808 Anna M. Brown	29,754	28,660	411	684	—	—	1,404
3810 Freedmen's	127,490	134,971	1,696	2,824	—	12,000	22,394
3812 FUM Foreign Missions	42,022	42,549	608	1,013	—	2,149	2,149
3814 FUM Home & Foreign	5,883	5,955	85	142	—	300	300
3816 FUM Ramallah	53,134	53,800	769	1,281	—	2,717	2,717
3818 Hanson/Hill	26,863	25,866	374	623	—	—	1,036
3824 Mosher Book & Tract	57,507	55,832	803	1,336	—	463	2,547
3826 Phillips/Purington/Hawkes	22,679	23,013	328	547	—	1,209	1,209
828 Pittsfield/Varney	6,389	6,154	88	147	—	—	300
3830 Susan B. Kirby	7,082	6,822	98	163	—	—	336
3832 West Falmouth Prep Mtg	3,835	3,887	56	92	—	200	200
3800 Perm Restricted Funds	\$470,044	\$474,909	\$6,567	\$10,935	\$0	\$22,367	\$38,902

**Friends Camp**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, & Changes in Net Assets**  
**(Modified Cash Basis)**

	<i>Preliminary</i> <b>FY11</b>	<b>FY10</b>
<b>I. Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>		
Operating Revenues & Support		
Donations—Unrestricted	\$17,650	\$24,273
Conference, Rent & Merchandise Sales	14,256	12,178
Camper Fees	251,775	259,340
Interest & Miscellaneous income	(224)	67
<b>Total Unrestricted Revenues</b>	<b>283,457</b>	<b>295,859</b>
Net Assets Released From Restrictions = Additional Support		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	15,195	2,208
Satisfaction of Purchase Restrictions	95,409	58,741
<b>Total Assets Released From Restrictions</b>	<b>105,924</b>	<b>60,949</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Op. Revenues &amp; Add. Support</b>	<b>\$389,381</b>	<b>\$356,808</b>
Operating Expenses		
Staffing Expenses	148,966	143,728
Phone, Postage, Supplies & Accounting	34,190	32,559
Camperships	14,030	14,228
Fund Raising	1,613	1,865
Food	33,125	37,346
Buildings & Grounds	12,372	13,131
Occupancy & Utilities	8,658	7,571
Travel & Conferences	12,623	10,512
Depreciation	7,084	5,672
Insurance	5,066	10,603
Misc. Other Expense, Net	—	3,094
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>284,754</b>	<b>280,309</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Expense)</b>	<b>\$104,627</b>	<b>\$76,499</b>
Other income and Expense		
Westview Rental income	9,176	—
Westview Expenses		
Ongoing Expenses	(3,453)	—
Rental Expenses	(8,111)	—
<b>Net Westview income (Expense)</b>	<b>(2,388)</b>	<b>—</b>
Change in Valuation Allowance	89,380	—
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>191,619</b>	<b>76,499</b>
<b>II. Changes in Restricted Net Assets</b>		
Donations—Restricted	\$ 96,575	\$60,949
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	(77,229)	(60,949)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$19,346</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>III. Changes in Total Net Assets</b>		
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$973,181	\$632,027
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	191,619	340,589
Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Net Assets	19,346	565
<b>Total Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$1,184,146</b>	<b>\$973,181</b>



**Friends Camp**  
**Statements of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets**  
**(Modified Cash Basis)**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>FY11 Preliminary</b>	<b>FY10</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Total Cash	\$37,422	\$38,659
Accounts Receivable	(441)	(1,464)
Inventories & Misc. Current Assets	201	201
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>37,182</b>	<b>37,396</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Theater Land	34,999	34,999
Buildings—Misc. Operating	71,930	71,930
Cardinal Hall	40,639	40,639
Cardinal Hall Renovations	3,693	3,693
Kitchen Renovations	56,896	—
Waterfront Land & Cottage	211,286	210,000
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	62,295	53,428
<b>Total Buildings, Equipment &amp; Land at Cost</b>	<b>481,738</b>	<b>414,689</b>
Accum. Depreciation—Buildings	(20,104)	(16,063)
Accum. Depreciation—Furn,Fix,&Equip.	(50,174)	(46,599)
<b>Buildings, Equip. &amp; Land at Cost, Net of Depre.</b>	<b>411,460</b>	<b>352,027</b>
Land & Buildings (Tax Valuation Allowance)	790,400	686,775
<b>Total Fixed Assets, Net</b>	<b>1,201,860</b>	<b>1,038,802</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,239,042</b>	<b>\$1,076,198</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Taxes Payable	\$1,569	—
Current—Short Term Loan From Neym	—	43,000
Long Term—Note From D. Lopez	53,327	60,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$54,896</b>	<b>\$103,000</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
<b>Unrestricted Assets</b>		
Total Cash	\$37,422	\$38,659
Restricted Cash	(23,309)	(3,979)
<b>Cash Available For Operations</b>	<b>\$14,113</b>	<b>\$34,680</b>
Other Current Assets	(240)	(1,464)
Land & Buildings (Tax Valuation Allowance)	790,400	686,775
Accumulated Equity	1,146,964	936,002
<b>Total Unrestricted Assets</b>	<b>1,160,837</b>	<b>969,218</b>
Temporarily Restricted	23,309	3,964
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,184,146</b>	<b>973,181</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,239,042</b>	<b>\$1,076,181</b>

**New England Friends Home**  
**Statements of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$25,898	\$10,528
Investments At Market	110,286	100,068
Deposit	6,649	6,649
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>142,833</b>	<b>117,245</b>
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Land	10,000	10,000
Buildings and Improvements	1,869,154	1,869,154
Furniture and Fixtures	97,876	96,014
Motor Vehicle	33,355	33,355
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(838,542)	(785,286)
<b>Net Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>1,171,843</b>	<b>1,223,237</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Loan Fees Net Of Accumulated Amortization Of \$1,645 and \$914 For 2010 and 2009, Respectively.	2,011	2,742
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,316,687</b>	<b>\$1,343,224</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current Instalhnents Of Long-Term Debt	\$5,318	\$ 5,015
Health Premiums Payable	—	8,836
Payroll Taxes Withheld	1,490	1,275
Deposits	7,500	—
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,308</b>	<b>15,126</b>
Long-Term Debt	236,246	241,392
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>250,554</b>	<b>256,518</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	1,066,133	1,086,706
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,316,687</b>	<b>\$1,343,224</b>

**New England Friends Home  
Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

**Changes In Unrestricted Net Assets**

<b>Support and Revenue</b>		
Room and Board	\$685,805	\$619,660
Investment Income	2,734	3,938
Other Income	5,824	9,236
Gain On Sale Of Investments		8,974
Inc. (Dec.) In Unrealized Appreciation On Investments	10,259	(17,960)
Contributions	11,251	7,788
Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions		46,180
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>715,873</b>	<b>677,816</b>
<b>Program Services</b>		
Payroll	318,571	286,341
Provision and Supplies	62,970	65,974
Depreciation	53,256	51,627
Repairs and Maintenance	52,921	66,129
Utilities	45,030	45,453
Employee Benefits	43,430	39,049
Professional Fees	36,253	—
Insurance Expense	30,238	32,083
Payroll Taxes	24,021	23,401
Purchased Services	15,094	5,675
Interest Expense	14,475	15,507
Retirement	8,996	12,473
Advertising and Marketing	8,413	9,205
Administration	6,868	8,021
Activities	6,342	7,003
Telephone	2,407	2,187
Fundraising	2,397	4,095
Miscellaneous	2,018	1,001
Staff Training	1,111	2,158
Automobile and Travel	904	1,842
Amortization	731	731
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>736,446</b>	<b>679,955</b>
<b>Decrease In Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>(20,573)</b>	<b>(2,139)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) In Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</b>		
Contributions		16,200
Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions		(46,180)
<b>Decrease In Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</b>		<b>(29,980)</b>
<b>Decrease In Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$20,573)</b>	<b>(\$32,119)</b>
<b>Net Assets At Beginning Of Year</b>	<b>\$1,086,706</b>	<b>\$1,118,825</b>
<b>Net Assets At End Of Year</b>	<b>\$1,066,133</b>	<b>\$1,086,706</b>

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**NEYM-United Society of Friends Treasurer's Report**  
**January through December 2010**

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**Ordinary Income/Expense****Income**

Advocate Subscription Fees	150.00
Blueprints Subscriptions	26.60
Children & Youth- Undes.	500.00
Christian Service- Undes.	150.00
Cuba Reps Travel	1,115.00
Four Funds Love	200.00
Four Funds-Undes.	150.00
General Fund -NE	520.00
Interest NEYM Pooled Funds	287.53
Keys to Kingdom-Undes.	150.00
Membership Dues	507.00
Peace & Christ. Soc. Conc. Und.	409.00
Spec. App NE Travel to Kenya	340.00
United Thank Off-Undes.	100.00

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**Total Income** **4,605.13**

**Expense**

Advocate Subscriptions	150.00
Equip. Rental (Tea Urn)	35.00
Children & Youth	500.00
Christian Service	150.00
Four Funds	350.00
Kenya Peace Curriculum	259.00
Keys Kingdom	150.00
Peace & Christ. Soc. Conc.	150.00
Exp. United Thank Offering	100.00
Blue Prints Subscriptions	25.00
Office Supplies	15.19
Postage and Delivery	175.07
Printing and Reproduction	378.63
Travel Cuba Reps	2,076.96
Travel NE Rep	400
USFW-I Dues	282

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**Total Expense** **5,196.85**

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**Net Income** **(\$591.72)**

**Checking Account**

Opening Balance 1/1/10	\$1,628.34
Closing Balance 12/31/10	\$1,036.62

**NEYM Pooled Funds**

Balance 12/21/10	\$12,115.57
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— SARAH S. MARTER, TREASURER

Note: An in-kind donation of \$239 covered most of the expenses of the Fall Newsletter.

## Epistles

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### New England Yearly Meeting General Epistle

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“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” —Romans 12:2 (KJV)

#### To Our Brothers & Sisters in the Light,

Our session at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, August 6–11, 2011, brought us closer both to our past and our future. As a prelude, we met at the Great Meetinghouse in Newport, Rhode Island where Yearly Meeting convened 1699–1905. We celebrated the end of our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the same time as we focused on the impact human society has on the future of the earth.

We worshipped in many ways, including loud and totally silent worship, while we acknowledged our brokenness as individuals and a people. We heard powerful ministry from some of us who have suffered discrimination in our midst on the basis of race, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, and class. We have hurt each other both intentionally and inadvertently through prejudice and ignorance, and we are carelessly squandering our birthright of a planet.

When we put our lives at the disposal of the divine life whose being is both truth and love, we are led toward healing the earth with heart, creativity, and humor. Solidarity, integrity, equality, and compassion are intrinsic to this endeavor.

We experienced increased discipline and willingness to listen openly and lovingly to each other. We conducted our business with tenderness, grateful to those who came prepared for reconciliation. We celebrated the fruit of that work and found that we could say with George Fox as he came away from our Yearly Meeting session in 1672: “It was hard for Friends to part, for the glorious power of the Lord... flowed amongst us and so united us together that we [had difficulty] taking leave of one another.”

—NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

No os conforméis a este siglo, sino transformaos por medio de la renovación de vuestro entendimiento, para que comprobéis cuál sea la buena voluntad de Dios, agradable y perfecta. Romanos 12:2 (RV1960)

#### A nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Luz,

Nuestra sesión en la Universidad Bryant en Smithfield, Rhode Island, 6-11 agosto del 2011, nos acercó tanto a nuestro pasado como a nuestro futuro. Como prelude nos reunimos en la Gran Casa de Reunión en Newport, Rhode Island, donde la junta anual se reunía de 1699 a 1905. Celebramos el cierre de nuestro 350º aniversario al mismo tiempo que nos concentramos en el impacto de la sociedad humana en el futuro de la tierra.

Adoramos en muchas formas, incluyendo adoración ruidosa y adoración en completo silencio, reconociendo nuestro quebrantamiento como individuos y como pueblo. Recibimos ministerio poderoso de algunos de nosotros que han sufrido discriminación en medio de nuestra comunidad por razones de raza, orientación

sexual, creencia religiosa, y diferencia de clase. Nos hemos herido los unos a los otros tanto adrede como por descuido, a causa de prejuicio e ignorancia; y con negligencia estamos malgastando nuestra heredad del planeta.

Cuando ponemos nuestras vidas a la disposición de la vida divina cuyo ser es tanto verdad como amor, somos guiados en el camino de sanar la tierra con corazón, creatividad, y buen humor. Solidaridad, integridad, igualdad, y compasión son esenciales en este esfuerzo.

Recibimos un incremento en nuestra disciplina y en nuestra disposición de escucharnos los unos a los otros con amor y corazones abiertos. Con ternura atendimos los asuntos y sentimos gratitud por los que vinieron preparados para la reconciliación. Celebramos el fruto de este labor, y pudimos decir igual que George Fox cuando salió de nuestra sesión anual del 1672: “A los Amigos les fue difícil despedirse, porque el poder glorioso del Señor fluía entre nosotros, y nos unió tanto que por poco no pudimos despedirnos los unos de los otros.

— JUNTA ANUAL DE NUEVA INGLATERRA

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### Young Adult Friends Epistle

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Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. —1 Corinthians 12:4–7

### To Beloved Friends Everywhere,

The Young Adult Friends (YAFs) of New England gathered in Smithfield, Rhode Island, from the 6–11 of Eighth Month, 2011.

The Spirit is moving among Young Adult Friends. At Sessions this year we give thanks for many spiritual gifts among YAFs, gifts that not only blessed our own small community, but also deepened the broader meeting.

YAF gifts of leadership and vocal ministry were made public during a very tender conversation about our relationship with Friends United Meeting (FUM). We witnessed with joy members of our community faithfully following their guide. We reaffirm our love for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer (LGBTQ) community members. While we grieve the continued existence of homophobia and heterosexism in NEYM, we are grateful for the ministry which raises up this concern. We must continue to examine this within our monthly and quarterly meetings as we work with FUM towards unity.

Other YAFs have equally public and perhaps no less spiritual gifts of music. YAF voices underpinned the Yearly Meeting production of *The Fire and the Hammer*. For many of us, hearing a familiar story told through music opened it in new ways.

We also bear grateful witness to less public spiritual gifts. Every year, many in our community are led to staff youth programs. Their voices may be absent in meeting for business, but their gifts of nurturing and education are deeply felt. Similarly, others among us are called to a quiet ministry of listening, and sometimes simply of holy presence. It is our hope that these gifts, too, might continue to be nurtured in our community, so that the wider Yearly Meeting may share in our blessings. “Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough” (Genesis 33:11).

Our community gathered each night, after most of the Yearly Meeting had gone to bed, in a spirit of mischievous adventure. We played foyer square—an adapta-

tion of four square played in a foyer—much to the dismay of passersby and the maintenance staff. After our dorm was flooded (we suspect Steve Chase), we spent a commemorative evening dressed up as Swamp Things. As the prophet said, “I will turn Babylon into a place for owls and into swampland” (Isaiah 14:23). Finally, we pranked Jonathan Vogel-Borne (our Yearly Meeting secretary) with such subtlety that he probably hasn’t noticed...yet.

We are grateful for the wider Yearly Meeting community. Our elders have shown us remarkable patience. YAFs offered a “loud worship” of almost continuous talking; instead of resisting, the wider Yearly Meeting entered with us into a spirit of exploration. YAFs then offered a period of silent worship in which no vocal ministry would be heard; again, the wider meeting supported our need for a deep, discerning silence. Business meetings of the full body have been remarkably rooted and grounded in the Spirit and have provided a model to us of what rightly ordered business can look like. Strong gifts flourish in the wider Yearly Meeting, and we appreciated being able to lean on our elders for guidance and advice.

In the midst of joy, we find a troubling prophetic vision moving in and among the Young Adult Friends of New England. Our Climate Working Group, created in First Month to grapple with the issue of climate change, continued to proclaim an apocalyptic vision of the future backed by incontrovertible scientific evidence. “I looked, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins” (Jeremiah 4:25–26). The Working Group’s ministry exhorts us towards concrete action against climate change.

The Spirit moves deep and strong in those who bring us this concern. Many YAFs skipped the contra dance (a beloved part of Sessions) in order to labor with this issue alongside Climate Working Group members. When our community feels the Spirit entering so deeply among some of us, we are communally called to act. Knowing that the Spirit works differently in each, we do not expect to all share in the same concerns, leadings, or gifts. Indeed, many of us do not find that our own ministry lies in the area of climate action. However, recognizing that each manifestation is of a common Source, we find love requires us to affirm our community by supporting those who are thus led by the Spirit and to take individual and communal action to support this ministry.

And so, entering into that universal Light which illumines every person, we came to unity on the following minute (excerpted and slightly modified in this epistle):

We accept the reality that the stability of the systems that sustain all life on earth is in jeopardy because of human activity through industrial society. Truth as understood through the scientific method has revealed that maintaining a recognizable civilization is not compatible with systematically increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. A growing scientific consensus suggests that carbon concentrations above approximately 350 parts per million pose catastrophic risk; human activity has already pushed this concentration above 390 parts per million. The sooner this trend is reversed, the more likely it is that our deepest hopes for peace, stable community, equality and justice may be realized.

We know that we do not have the answers of how to do all this, but we trust our corporate understanding of the spirit to lead us. We know that we must forgive ourselves for our complicity in this destructive system. We know we must strengthen our ability to love

and to build our community to rise to this challenge. We hear the call from the Climate Working Group to use our gifts in their diverse forms to take concrete action, live lives of integrity, and know that we cannot let this burden lie. We believe this is an inflection point on this journey, and that there is much work to do to ensure Friends move forward in concrete action in the coming months.

Over the last eight months, the Working Group has come up with several actions that individuals and communities can take to move us another step farther down the path to a more stable climate:

- Actively seek ways to take individual and community action.
- Be a support network for people who are taking action.
- Find someone interested in taking on a similar level of commitment, and agree to keep each other honest, encouraging each other to greater heights.
- The body of climate science goes back to the 1800s. Solidify your knowledge so that you can help others learn.
- Understand and work to modify your carbon footprint.
- Encourage monthly meeting action.
- We call for friends to celebrate their accomplishments, and to be aware of how that progress opens the way for the next steps.

We recognize that as we take our first steps, the next will become clear. We embark upon this journey with joy, knowing that we are called not to conform to the world but rather to be transformed by the spirit (Romans 12:2); to be a prophetic people heralding a new kingdom in this world. Already we feel the fruits of the spirit bubbling through us as we begin this work. We anticipate this, and look forward to the steady revelation of the path before us. The working group commits to act in ministry, leadership, and support as the YAF community moves forward on this issue.

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”(Joel 2:28)

In much love,

—THE YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

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### Young Friends Epistle

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#### Dear Friends,

This year was a special one, because it was the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Yearly Meeting. The theme this year was to “heal a broken earth.” Young Friends explored climate change and the conflicting emotions surrounding it. One way we explored this theme was to participate in the Young Adult Friends-led worship. This worship was unusual. Two queries were presented as Power Point slides, and people were assigned to speak. It was a random selection where people spoke simultaneously based on the day or month they were born.

Young Friends had different reactions, both positive and negative, to this new form of worship. Some Friends felt it was a more comfortable environment for those



to speak who would not ordinarily speak out of silence, while others felt it to be more chaotic and that we were being led by a person, rather than God.

As well as dealing with climate change, Yearly Meeting also addressed an issue surrounding the financial support NEYM gives to Friends United Meeting. To help further the education of the Young Friends, we attended a panel that discussed the different viewpoints on this hot topic. This panel invoked powerful reactions in the community. It was a deeply personal witness that made many Young Friends feel included in a bigger community.

We also had time for fun. One activity was a beach trip. Most Young Friends found the beach quite satisfactory. We had fun frolicking in the waves, building a giant sand toilet, and partaking in games of kissing rugby and winkum. Another activity that built our community further was “cookie machine,” where one Friend would be passed along, lying down, supported by the arms of two rows of fellow Friends facing one another.

We welcomed Junior Highers into our community by playing “fishbowl.” Junior Highers asked questions of Young Friends regarding our experiences in Young Friends and in high school. They wanted to know about relationships, food, and inclusivity here in Young Friends.

This week we attended several business meetings where we chose new Ministry and Counsel members. We struggled with the Nominating Committee process. Many of the Friends nominated for Ministry & Counsel were also on Nominating Committee, creating an uncomfortable situation. Nominating Committee proposed that all who were being considered for Ministry & Counsel step down from Nominating Committee. Young Friends came to unity on this. Once the slate was brought to business meeting, more concerns were voiced. Friends agreed that our nomination process should be revised for next year.

We were a tight-knit group this year, who bonded over the frequent, sudden outbursts of heavy rain. One rain came during dinnertime, and about ten people went running outside into it. Our community is always looking for ways to become closer and more inclusive. Some Young Friends said that they “hope to gain a sense of being centered and to carry that forward into the year to make stronger friendships and define who we are.” Healing a broken earth requires a lot of people working together. We are learning new ways to deal with climate change and a better understanding of the Quaker process.

Have a good year!

—YOUNG FRIENDS OF NEYM

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### Junior Yearly Meeting (5–6) Epistle

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**Dear Friends,**

At New England Yearly Meeting at Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island, the Junior Yearly Meeting fifth through sixth grade met Sunday through Thursday at the beginning of August 2011. We made mandalas and discussed how mandala patterns are found in nature. Different mandalas were created, including a bean mandala outdoors, coloring mandalas and creating a large community mandala. We sang songs, some of us went swimming in the college pool, and we walked the labyrinth. We caught rides on shuttles—a neat way of transportation (also known as golf carts). We watched the Quaker women reenact several figures from Quaker history

to celebrate 350 years of Quakerism. We volunteered in the cafeteria by carrying trays for people who needed help. JYM rocks! Whooo!!

—JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING FRIENDS

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### **Junior Yearly Meeting (K–2) Epistle**

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**Dear Friends around the world,**

We are the kindergarteners, first and second graders of Junior Yearly Meeting of New England Yearly Meeting. In August we met at a college in Rhode Island and it was hot and rained a lot.

This week we made paper maché Earths, painted shells, and made leaf rubbings. We sang “Habitat” and “The Earth is Our Mother” as we danced with the colorful shaker instruments we made. We learned how to take care of the Earth.

We like the food here. We ate snack with “Miss Sunshine” and we made ice cream with the older JYMers. We made full body portraits, paper plate faces and played games like “Break the Ice.”

Outside we played parachute games with Kevin Lee. We learned JYM Ball and got hot and sweaty. We talked about our rules for being with each other. A Peacemaker visited us and read books about how to get along and gave us ideas to use when we are having a problem. We used a “talking shark” to help us listen to each other when we sat in our big circle.

We were happy together. We hope you are too.

—KINDERGARTEN, FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

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### **Childcare Epistle**

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**Dear Friends,**

The children and staff at Childcare spent time together this week in a community that depended on deep, loving listening. For many of us, it was our first time we could remember being in this exciting and chaotic place. There were cities to build out of blocks, trucks to steer over mountains, baby dolls to put to bed, and a whole new set of children and adults to get to know. In all of this wonderful excitement, many of us reached the limits of our patience. Though we dealt with sadness at missing our parents and caretakers and our routines at home, we found that the more we were able to listen to each other and ourselves, the easier it was to enjoy our time together as a community. Thanks to our many patient volunteers and staff, we were able to have the quiet, individual attention that we needed when our emotions were hard to handle. Nancy Shippen spent some time with us, helping us to find peace within ourselves by calming our mind and bodies. We read “Peaceful Piggy Meditation” and colored mandalas when we felt scared or overwhelmed. New sensory experiences helped us to center into the present- we loved building snowmen out of shaving cream, painting with sponges, rolling out play-dough, and watching glitter paintings shimmer in the light. We also learned that sometimes the best way to deal with the parts of Yearly Meeting that were overwhelming was to get some extra rest. Some days are two nap days!

All of the things that we did together were fun, and helped us to learn and grow together. But before we could get to those things, we needed patient listeners to help us meet our needs. When we were able to have the things that we needed to feel

safe and secure in our environment, we had the confidence to build those towers and steer those trucks. Sometimes all it took was a loving and understanding friend to hear our concerns, read us a quiet story, or give us a soothing squeeze. Thank you Friends, for your patience and love for all of us this week. We can't wait to have community again next year!

—CHILDCARE OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

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### Cuba Yearly Meeting Epistle

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#### Amigos y Amigas cuáqueros:

Entre las dos Américas hay una isla que se llama Cuba, al Oriente a orillas del mar se encuentra Gibara, sede de nuestra reunión. Henchidos de esperanza y con el lema: “Fortaleciendo nuestras raíces cuáqueras”, estamos convencidos que todo lo que hagamos redundará en el amor que es raíz y fundamento de nuestra fe.

Damos gracias a Dios por la presencia de nuestro hermano Stephen Angell, profesor de la Escuela de Religión de Earlham, de la Junta Mensual de Oxford en la Junta Anual del Valle de Ohio; conferencista que nos hizo reflexionar a través de las siguientes exposiciones: La naturaleza de la comunidad cuáquera, Cuaquerismo y Santidad, Espíritu Santo y revelación, El cuaquerismo y la luz de Cristo, El cuaquerismo y los testimonios. Encaminándonos mediante ellas a confirmar nuestros conocimientos y reafirmar de esta forma nuestra raíces cuáqueras. Igualmente nuestra gratitud por la visita de los hermanos del puente de Nueva Inglaterra: Noah Baker, Benigno Sánchez y Victoria Rhodin; con quienes intercambiamos muchas bendiciones.

Durante este año nuestra Junta Anual ha obtenido nuevos logros: la incorporación de quince estudiantes al curso de Bachiller de Teología que ofrece el Seminario Evangélico de Teología de Matanzas, el surgimiento de nuevos líderes con vocación pastoral vinculados a campos misioneros y la formación de una nueva Junta Mensual (Retrete, en Banés).

Después de recibir talleres de cuaquerismo por AFSC concebimos que la mano de Dios abre oportunidades para proyectar nuestra fe cuáquera. Sintiendo el llamado a un servicio más profundo, poniéndonos en sus manos como instrumentos de paz. Estamos convencidos que este sueño es un llamado de Dios, que nos impulsa a concretarlo, y es por esto, que aprobamos crear un centro de paz y estudios cuáqueros latinoamericanos para grupos cristianos o no cristianos. Pensamos que los primeros pasos serían cursos de verano.

La Junta Anual de Los Amigos cuáqueros en Cuba ha estado orando por los países que sufren desastres naturales, violencia, crisis económica y la ecología mundial. En medio de un mundo confundido, queremos expresar nuestra disposición de actuar, predicar, dar testimonio ayudando a construir de esta forma el reino de Dios en nuestro diario vivir. Confiando en hacer realidad algunas de las porciones del nuestro himno lema:

Espadas en arados cambiarán.  
Maniobras de guerra cesarán:  
no más pueblos invadidos,  
no más niños sin hogar,  
no más hombres sin trabajo, ni sin pan.

Invitando así, a los cuáqueros del mundo a trabajar unidos por la paz.  
En la luz,

— JUNTA ANUAL DE LA IGLESIA DE LOS AMIGOS CUÁQUEROS EN CUBA.

**Quaker Friends:**

Between the two Americas there is an island called Cuba; to the east and on the seashore lies Gibara, the seat of our meeting. Filled with hope, and gathered under our theme, "Strengthening our Quaker roots," we are convinced that all we do will be in the service of love, the root and foundation of our faith.

We thank God for the presence of our brother Stephen Angell, professor at Earlham School of Religion, and member of Oxford Monthly Meeting, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting. His presentations led us to reflect on the following topics: the nature of Quaker community, Quakerism and Holiness, the Holy Spirit and revelation, Quakerism and the light of Christ, Quakerism and the testimonies. Through these messages we began to confirm our own knowledge and thus reaffirm our Quaker roots. We are also grateful for the visit of brothers and a sister from our bridge with New England: Noah Baker, Benigno Sánchez, and Victoria Rhodin, with whom we exchanged many blessings.

During the past year our Yearly Meeting has achieved new goals: fifteen students have enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology program offered by the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Matanzas, new leaders have arisen with a calling to pastoral work in mission fields, and a new monthly meeting has been established (Retrete, near Banos).

After participating in AFSC's Quakerism workshops, we have come to believe that the hand of God is opening opportunities to spread our Quaker faith. Feeling the call to deeper service, we place ourselves in God's hands as instruments of peace. We are convinced that this dream is a call from God, who presses us to make it real. For this reason we have approved the creation of a Latin American center for peace and Quaker studies, for both Christian and non-Christian groups. We think that the first step will be summer school courses.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) in Cuba has been praying for the ecology of the world and for the countries which suffer natural disasters, violence, and economic crises. In the midst of a confused world, we want to express our willingness to act, to preach, to give testimony, helping to build the kingdom of God in our daily life. We trust that we can make real some of the words we have sung as the theme of our meeting:

Swords will change to plowshares.

The maneuvers of war will end:

No more invaded peoples,

No more homeless children,

No more people without work, nor without bread.

Thus we invite the Quakers of the world to unite with us in working for peace.

In the light:

—YEARLY MEETING OF THE CHURCH OF QUAKER FRIENDS IN CUBA.

## Staff Reports

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### Christian Education Coordinator

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This year, two themes arose from my typical round of activities supporting Quaker families and First Day Schools. One theme is our wholeness as a regional Quaker community and the second theme is the need for new modes of faith exploration beyond the Sunday school model of “one hour, once a week.” Both themes, I believe, point the way toward an even brighter future for Friends in New England.

To highlight our wholeness, I made more connections with monthly meetings and strengthened our group culture as Friends in New England. Way opened to do much more field work this year, allowing me to visit 13 meetings—three of them more than once. I undertook a “Listening and Learning Tour” of Vassalboro Quarter. They requested that NEYM host tandem events when Friends make the long drive to take children to a Youth Program’s retreat. Rather than make two long round-trips, they suggested staying nearby and taking advantage of a workshop that would build community, deepen their faith, and reduce the amount of driving. This is just one example of the fruits that may come from more active fieldwork.

I also made connections by co-facilitating a Woolman Hill Workshop on pastoral care. Friends from all eight quarters attended! In addition, I created a pamphlet for new families showcasing our vibrant Yearly Meeting community which lists all of the programs and institutions of interest to Quaker children and families in one place. The Christian Education (CE) Committee’s new Family Neighborhood at Sessions was a living example of that same joyous culture. All year, I lived into our regional Quaker wholeness by connecting monthly meetings so they can extend a helping hand to each other through shared minutes, curricula, and responses to similar challenges.

The CE Committee’s new Quaker Family Activity Calendar both celebrates our common life and reaches beyond the Sunday school model to deliver First Day School content right into the home in a new way. Every month features one of the NEYM committees and adds queries, resources, and activities. Pictures from around New England give us a virtual tour of our Quaker neighborhood. We hope to keep the Quaker faith and life conversation going all week.

We know that the vast majority of religious education happens in the home. At a time when the Sunday school model is becoming less useful and appealing, we need to nurture and empower parents to walk the Quaker journey more intentionally with their children. We can support parents by helping them to fill in some of the gaps in their own background. I dream of a workshop offering a sampling of the best Quaker children’s religious education for Quaker parents and other adults: open-ended Godly Play Bible stories, worshipping skills with spiritual disciplines to try, visits from seasoned Friends to tell us about some aspect of their worship-life, and just enough cognitive framework to act as a thread and “string” all of the lesson-pearls together.

—BETH COLLEA

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**Communications Director  
& Office Manager**

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There are two women whose examples I turn to in striving to do this job faithfully.

One is Margaret Fell, the “Mother of Quakerism.” To the early Friends movement, she was organizer, connector, caregiver, spokesperson, and steward of the widespread community’s central “office” at Swarthmoor Hall.

The other is my predecessor, Katharine Clark (Fram), who for nearly 15 years lovingly served this body as administrative secretary and later communications director. She’s left me a library of documentation, and has been happy to help me through an e-mail, phone call, or face-to-face visit whenever I couldn’t find the information I needed.

In the light of the wisdom of these two Friends, I still feel quite *new* (though I’ve been told I can’t call myself that after these Sessions!). I am still learning the many aspects to both the communications director and office manager halves of this position, and I welcome Friends’ counsel if there is an aspect I am missing.

In addition to the usual work—responding to office inquiries; compiling and publishing the Minute Book and the *New England Friend*; maintaining the website, calendar, and database; managing mailings for the office and committees, planning Committee Days; supporting committee clerks and the planning of Annual Sessions—a major goal of mine has been to give *neym.org* a much-overdue redesign. Ultimately, we will have a Yearly Meeting site that better connects Friends and supports our ministries. We have partnered with the Web staff at Friends General Conference, taking part in a web services pilot program for YMs.

Chris Pifer of Friends General Conference (FGC) and I held four focus groups across New England: at Durham (ME) and Barton-Glover (VT) MMs, as well as with a mix of Boston-area Friends and another of non-Quaker seekers. We gained wonderful data and insights. Though we had hoped to have the new site online before Sessions, the combination of my learning curve on all the aspects of my job and the failing health and eventual death of my mother in May delayed it. God willing, the web site will launch at the end of this calendar year.

This work resonates with conversations I have had with meetings that are also seeking to use online communications to better connect Friends and welcome seekers. Several have launched new websites this year, including South Berkshire, Durham, and Winthrop Center MMs. Quarterly meetings have contacted me for advice on what online tools could help their membership better stay in touch. We are all learning together.

I want to thank Friends for the manifold ways you have expressed your care and support for me—both in the wake of my mother’s death and throughout my first year in this job. I’m grateful to those who have helped me on a sustained level: Delia Windwalker (Mon), whose guidance as interim office manager was essential in my first months, Kathleen Wooten (Law), who faithfully posts the daily Friendly quotations on the NEYM Facebook page, my peaceable army of proofreaders, and to my fellow staff. I love this Yearly Meeting community and feel loved back. Within this reciprocity, I find the power of God, which carries me forward.

—JEFFREY HIPPI

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**Friends Camp Director**

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I am happy to report that two major capital projects have been recently completed at Friends Camp. In September 2010, we purchased adjacent shorefront property with

a five-room cottage, and in June 2011, we finished a comprehensive renovation of our kitchen. Both projects were expensive and time-consuming. These two projects cost Friends Camp \$99,896. We are extremely thankful to the individuals, meetings, and foundations who gave \$82,386 so far. We still need to raise \$17,510 to complete this capital campaign.

For the 2011 summer season, I have been fortunate to hire a creative and thoughtful group of 24 counselors and staff. Eight staff members have recently graduated from college or university. Ten staff are returning from last summer, leaving 14 new staff who are at Friends Camp for their first summer. Five of the new staff were once campers here at Friends Camp, and two are from overseas. This summer, we will have six lifeguards and ten staff that are certified in CPR/First Aid.

This year, we experimented with a new three-tiered pricing plan that gives our families three payment options between \$760 and \$890 for a two-week session (or \$420 and \$470 for a one-week session). This new model of pricing the camp fees is based on the successful experience of a few YMCA camps. Our goal is to maintain modest fees so that most middle income families can afford Friends Camp. At the same time, any families with a larger income will have the opportunity to help pay for the real cost of summer programming and the capital improvements that are scheduled for next few years.

Our goal has been to enroll 317 campers this summer. At this time, it seems likely that our final number of campers will be about ten fewer than this goal.

We recently formed a partnership with the Codman Charter School in Dorchester, Massachusetts. A special campership fund was set up with the help of Lisa Graustein (BHill) to ensure that five teenagers from the Codman School will attend Friends Camp this summer.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has several projects in progress or recently completed. All of the projects aimed towards improving our energy efficiency that were funded by the Obadiah Brown Fund and Efficiency Maine have been fully realized. Fifty trees were planted on the south and west sides of the Cardinal Hall field. Some projects remain to be completed during the coming summer and fall: fixing the waterfront spring, replacing the pump for one of our water wells, purchasing a new riding lawn mower, installing three new exhaust fans in the cabins, redesigning the office, and putting a new metal roof on Cardinal Hall.

Starting in August of this year, I will be taking my first sabbatical. Jeff Adelberg, Assistant Director, will become our Acting Director during my sabbatical from August 2011 to January 2012. For the Friends Camp community, I am very thankful to all of the Friends in New England who have given time and money to support our mission.

—NATHANIEL SHED

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#### **Interim Office Manager**

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As we approached our 2010 Sessions, the Yearly Meeting was searching for our new administrative staff. At that time I was led to apply for the job posted as part-time Office Manager. My history with the Yearly Meeting and institutional knowledge grounded my leading to serve again, and I was pleased to interview for the position just before Sessions. My sense of direction to support the Yearly Meeting's transition to a new administrative structure brought me to reconnect with our work in some new ways, particularly around list management, contact with meetings, and the Nominating Committee process.



The Office Manager position was subsequently offered to me as a four-month (Sept–Dec 2010) interim opportunity to serve while our new full-time communications director, Jeffrey Hipp, settled into his new responsibilities. During that time I focused on work related to our committee appointments, minute book preparations, and the data management supporting those tasks. It was a delightful time to engage with other Yearly Meeting staff with fresh energy and leadings working among us. Our all-staff meetings were particularly inspiring, and it was difficult to contain my work within the four-month appointment; I had so many ideas and so much to do!

I became engaged in working with Nominating Committee while managing data entry for our new committees. Continuing that work as a volunteer I have become a co-opted member serving as the recording clerk. The challenges of Nominating Committee's work are connected with administrative tasks and data collection that is ultimately entered into our Yearly Meeting database. During the interim I identified some ways to reduce the redundancy of the substantial work carried in the committee, particularly over many years by Marian Dalton (Brun), who faithfully recorded appointments in spreadsheet format. In collaboration with Cliff Harrison (Camb) we have developed our Yearly Meeting database to more directly serve the nominating process.

As I am no longer a staff person and I am now fully employed elsewhere, it is impossible to fulfill the many aspects of service to the Yearly Meeting that I felt rising up in me during the interim. Working with the database evoked many ideas to strengthen connections among our monthly and quarterly meetings. Serving with Nominating Committee has inspired ideas on strengthening the spiritual growth incubated in the Anchor Groups. With all our new communications, I hold a vision for connecting to constituents directly as a fundamental way of nurturing new members and attenders into our fold. With the FGC Gathering coming to Rhode Island in 2012, we have a great opportunity and challenge for directing a spiritual transformation among New England Friends. I pray that our staff will find the resources and time opening the way for growing vitality in New England Yearly Meeting. May there be many blessings on our journeys together.

—DELIA WINDWALKER

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### **Junior High Yearly Meeting (JHYM) Retreat Coordinator**

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We have shared an extraordinary year in community, with this group of young people being particularly inclusive and kind. They have created a space with remarkably little judgment and significant affirmation for each other as *Works in Progress* (one of this year's retreat themes). Our small group discussions went deep and wide, with heartfelt honesty around such topics as what's enough?; what do we make of the mysteries of faith?; and how can we be more compassionate of ourselves and one another? The Saturday morning messages out of worship, prepared and shared with truth and courage by individual staffers and young people, have been breathtaking and inspiring. We have shared joy, laughter, worship, work, art, music, and our struggles to live faithfully.

Some of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have become true elders and will enrich the Young Friends' program as they have ours. The slow but steady increase in the number of 6<sup>th</sup> graders choosing to be in JHYM rather than in Junior Yearly Meeting is a blessing. (We offer them a choice in order to accommodate the wide range of development in 6<sup>th</sup> graders.) As 8<sup>th</sup> graders, these three-year attenders give our community a depth of eldering, grounding, and ownership that is invaluable.



In addition to the five JHYM retreats and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade retreat, there is a lot of contact amongst individuals via the phone and the internet throughout the year. We are exploring the use of social media—both for our individual connections as well as for how it can enhance and yet also compromise our spiritual community. This is important work in progress, and I am grateful to Kevin Lee, who has been assisting me and our community with this exploration and discussion.

The quality of our staffers, the majority of whom are with us for more than one—and in some cases all—of the retreats in a year, is one of the most significant aspects of our program. Their appropriate and loving presence, generous hearts and spirits, and gifts and talents are beyond the scope of this report, but I want to express my awe and gratitude to and for them. We have half a dozen YAFs regularly on our staff, all of whom came up through NEYM's youth programs, for whom I am particularly grateful. Their solid witnessing to embodying their faith in their own unique styles is like a billboard to our middle schoolers.

The staff position in which I work continues to be a significant gift to me and the community. I am deeply grateful for the ongoing support of NEYM staff and committees, particularly Allie Hersey who has made my life so much easier in her six years as the Accounts Manager, Youth Programs, JHYM parents, and many, many Friends who share their thoughts and kindnesses with me so frequently. Our community is thriving, Grace attends, and the future of NEYM seems so hopeful from the vantage point of JHYM.

— GRETCHEN BAKER-SMITH

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### **Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) Retreat Coordinator**

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Some months ago during one of our retreats a child asked, “Kevin, what do you do in between our retreats? Do you just wait for the next one to happen or do you do something else?” And with my reply to this child came the reminder that most children, first and foremost, think of JYM retreats as their place that they go to, to have fun, to be among their friends, and to explore our Quaker faith within a community where they know they are loved and are safe.

Everything else that goes into a successful retreat program, from gifted staffers to support from the wider circle of Friends throughout New England, are things children cannot readily see or know about, but we certainly know that they're vitally important too. And for that I say “thank you,” to monthly meetings who support and host us, to Woolman Hill Retreat Center, which welcomes us at a reduced rate year after year, and to Friends who serve on committees that nurture and guide our work and ministry.

Because readers of this report can visit our site anytime at [jymretreats.org](http://jymretreats.org) for more information, this year I'll let children and parents do the “reporting” in the form of brief notes that have come our way throughout the year in the form of e-mails, retreat evaluations and from verbal comments, too.

“I love JYM! It is the best!” Z. M.

“You are the best, Wendyl (Our Supreme Kitchen Goddess/Chef)!” H.K.

“Kevin—I just love your ‘bring-it-on,’ open-arms spirit. Combined with your unrelenting commitment...to these kids...” S.G.

“Make quiet hour shorter!” P.J.

“This (the Bread Retreat) was the best retreat I have ever been to!” C.

“This morning, Tristan decided to make bread for Thanksgiving tomorrow. By himself, and he wanted to use Gretchen's recipe, not a different one. He also shared

how bread is sacred in the Bible. ...Thank you so much—you make such a difference in the lives of these kids...” S.R.

“Can we stay here until Tuesday?” C.L.

“This new registration process/site thingy is FABULOUS. Seriously, I think this is the best registration process I have ever used for any of my children’s activities. ... Thank you in advance for taking great care of my babies.” K.A.

“JYM should be every month!” I.T.

“Where do you get such great staff, Kevin? After every retreat on the way home my son just raves about you all. Thank you.” T.S.

A child’s suggested retreat theme in the future: “Does God come to JYM Retreats?”

We continue to hope and pray that indeed, God and that of the Spirit will continue to guide our way. We urge adults who have a demonstrated gift of working with children to consider applying to serve as staff. We are always on the lookout for new staff with talents to share! And thanks to parents throughout our Yearly Meeting, for sharing their children within our JYM Retreat Community down through the years. It has been, and continues still, to be my greatest honor and privilege to work and minister as way opens among our young Quakers.

—KEVIN LEE

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### Moses Brown Head of School

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“Those who go out into the world to take will ultimately be shortchanged. Those who go out into the world to give will find their lives and the world transformed.”

These words from our commencement keynote speaker and alumnus, Tom Chappell, closed the books on a successful year at Moses Brown (MB) School. In his speech, Mr. Chappell extolled the values that he developed at MB: discovering and following your life’s passion, developing respect for others, and embracing environmental stewardship and social justice. I am proud to say that these values continue to ground our educational mission, and I believe that they well prepare our graduating seniors—and all our students—to have the tough minds and tender hearts needed to *Heal a Broken Earth*.

This year, we deepened our commitment to these values and to our understanding of Friends faith and practices across the school.

- This was our first year with a full-time Director of Friends Education, and her work touched on the many initiatives listed in this report.
- Curricular efforts stewarded by the Director of Friends Education included:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade unit on meeting for worship and meeting for sharing;
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade History unit on Quakerism;
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade English lessons on Friends testimonies and conflict resolution;
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade Freshmen Studies unit on Friends testimonies;
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade project with Kenyan students at Friends schools;
  - Middle school art project: ceramic mural to be hung in the school depicting the Peace testimony;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade units on Friends testimonies;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade unit on Friends decision making;
- The Nurturing Friends Education Committee continued to support the enrollment of Quaker students at Moses Brown, the implementation of Friends education, and the relationship between MB and NEYM (a committee report is provided under separate cover);

- Parents, teachers, and staff new to MB attended a two-hour workshop on Quakerism; faculty and staff further benefited from a day-long retreat focused on Quaker education;
- We extended training in sense-of-the-meeting decision-making to many school leaders and used these practices to execute our 18-month, decennial accreditation. The extensive committee work of the accreditation culminated in three all-school meetings, in which the community came to agreement on the school's strengths, weaknesses, and ratings for all 14 of the commission's evaluative standards;
- Our faculty and staff continue to pursue professional development opportunities in Friends practices, including:
  - Friends Council on Education (FCE) Clerking workshop with Arthur Larrabee;
  - FCE Leadership Institute and the Spirited Practice and Renewed Courage (SPARC) programs;
  - CSEE Best Practices for Spiritual Development in Schools;
  - Parker Palmer Circle of Trust workshops;
  - Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling Professional Development workshop;

Also, our commitment to Friends education directly impacted our program and the daily learning of our students.

- Students in all divisions completed many service learning projects. MB alumnus, Dr. Molly Bliss Wolf '86, again led upper school students and faculty on the annual service trip to the Dominican Republic;
- Six upper school students attended the Quaker Youth Leadership conference at Friends Central School in Pennsylvania;
- Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders deepened their exchange with Kenyan peers in Friends schools;
- Joyce Aljouny, director of Ramallah Friends School, spoke to the upper school Student Peace Action Movement group, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and our Global Stewardship Taskforce;
- Quaker families, staff, and alumni gathered for a potluck fellowship gathering and a facilitated discussion as to how the community could better support its Friends;
- Students participated in a panel discussion at the 2011 FCE Friends School Heads Conference, hosted by MB and Lincoln;
- Environmental sustainability was strengthened at the school through work with our visiting scholar, environmental author and professor, John Elder, as well as through our Earth Day conservation initiatives and our Friends Garden;
- New service learning initiatives included increased faculty support, food drives, and partnerships with Progreso Latino and a group of Burundian refugees. Fundraising by senior parents (over \$180,000 as of 6/28/11) has resulted in the endowment of the Class of 2011 Legacy Fund, which will support upper school service initiatives;
- Diversity initiatives expanded to include speakers and discussions on bullying, tolerance, and differences related to ability/disability, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language, and socioeconomic position.

Moses Brown continues to focus on the issues of financial sustainability, access, and affordability. Next year, more than \$3.3 million will be allocated toward financial assistance, and over the past five years that amount has increased by 48%. The school is exploring the feasibility of a major fundraising initiative dedicated to scholarships.

Established by members of NEYM to support the education of Quaker children at Moses Brown School, the P.J. Tripp and Charitable Funds' principals as of March 31,

2011 totaled \$489,942 with an annual draw of \$17,000 to be used for scholarships for Quaker students. Monthly meetings are asked to send a letter to MB noting the recipient's active participation in the Meeting.

I hope that this short report provides you with a sense of what is happening at Moses Brown in terms of Friends education. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

I look forward to seeing many of you in August.

—MATT GLENDINNING

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### **Yearly Meeting Secretary**

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My work as Yearly Meeting secretary is to hold the whole Yearly Meeting—staff, volunteers, committees, local meetings—in prayer and in active ministry. From that place of care, I offer the following:

2011 is a year of transitions. This summer we say goodbye to Linda Jenkins as presiding clerk and welcome Jackie Stillwell (Mon) as our next clerk. Kristna Evans (NSho) finishes her term as clerk of Ministry & Counsel (M&C) as Margaret Cooley (MTob) becomes the new M&C clerk. After more than six years of service as Accounts Manager, Allie Hersey left the staff in June, with Frederick Martin (Mon) taking up that work. Marnie Miller-Gutsell (Smith) retired as the NEYM archivist, and, as of this writing, we are still looking for a new archivist to work with our collection at the RI Historical Society Library in Providence. In one of the biggest changes of all, the New England Friends Home Committee is recommending that NEYM lay down the operation of our assisted living facility in Hingham, MA.

In addition to leadership, staff, and institutional transitions, the NEYM community is moving on from our “Jubilee” years, looking to follow what we’ve heard from God’s call upon our lives—the call to forgiveness, the call to deepen community, the call to recognize and nurture spiritual gifts, and the call to go forth into our broken world with a vital witness to the transforming and healing power of love. Over the past few years our struggle with the Friends United Meeting (FUM) personnel policy on sexual ethics and our jubilee listening for God’s call has tended to turn our attention inward. The second part of our Sessions theme, “Called to Heal a Broken Earth,” however, challenges the depths of that inward grounding, as we respond to the personal and planetary distress of global change. I sense we are becoming more and more aware that our most powerful public witness comes from a place of deep spiritual grounding in God and with one another. I see this past spring’s Call to Witness/Day of Discernment event as an example of this integration of inward faithfulness and outward witness.

Meanwhile, our ongoing staff community thrives. Nia Thomas, Young Friends/Young Adult Friends Coordinator and Jeff Hipp, Communications Director/Office Manager, are each doing amazingly well after about a year in their respective jobs. Beth Collea continues in her Spirit-filled work with First Day schools, with families and—dare I say the “E” word—with evangelism, as she travels to local meetings, helping them think about attracting more children and new families. Nat Shed takes a well-deserved sabbatical from Friends Camp. The ministry of our veteran youth workers, Kevin Lee and Gretchen Baker-Smith, blesses the entire NEYM community.

Lastly, after what will be more than 21 years of ministry on the NEYM staff, I am clear to resign as YM secretary at the end of December 2012. I look forward to a grace-filled transition over this next year, finding closure with NEYM and making myself available for what comes next.

—JONATHAN VOGEL-BORNE

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**Young Friends & Young Adult Friends  
Coordinator**

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As I write this, I approach the end of my first year as spiritual cheerleader, e-mail inbox inundator, Quaker history poster maker, database underling, worst-school-week-ever-comforter, off-key song leader, committee-nudger, non-competitive game maker-upper, and Young Friends/Young Adult Friends (YF/YAF) Coordinator. It has been a busy year: eight Young Friends retreats, three volunteer trainings, two YAF retreats, a YAF service day, countless committee meetings, two new coworkers, and my wedding!

The retreat year began with a wonderful YF Ministry & Counsel retreat, progressed with fall events that brought in new participants, continued with two deeply inspiring and well attended mid-winter retreats, and brought in the spring with weekends that enriched our developing communities. We have sought to peacefully confront conflict (YAFs, January), looked for a more complete understanding of gender in our lives (YFs, March/April), and explored the relationship between our spirits and the environment.

One of my goals at retreats is to create an environment where Friends can openly share about their spirituality. For many of us this is new and sometimes nerve-racking. To grow this dialogue, we've tried many things: holding "nutritious popcorn worship" where vocal ministry from all was expected, playing "spiritual hotseat" and "truth or dare jenga" where all of the questions had to do with spiritual experience, having extended periods of silence followed by small group reflection, and doing art work based on our faith and using it as a springboard for discussion. I hope to continue to engage YFs and YAFs in these dialogues.

Like all loving communities, Young Friends and Young Adult Friends have their challenges. Many of our participants lead over-scheduled lives and late cancellations and last-minute registrations have been the rule as much as the exception. Many YFs and YAFs struggle with stress, exhaustion, and depression. In the retreats I run, I still seek to find a balance between (or synthesis of) providing restful, healing spaces and inspiring learning experiences.

Reflecting on this year leaves me filled with gratitude for all the help I have received. Many thanks to my wonderful support committee, the parents of teens who have taken on massive carpools and complex weekend plans, the local meetings that tolerated temporary states of disarray while hosting retreats, the YAF Nurturing Committee who checks the pulse of an often fragmented corporate body, the consistent communication and fresh ideas from YAF clerk Ben Guaraldi (B Hill), the thoughtful perspective and tender care of YF Ministry and Counsel, my fabulous coworkers at NEYM who keep me connected to the wider Yearly Meeting, the many prayers sent my way, my personal super-heroes Lisa Graustein (B Hill) and Lucy Churchill (B Hill), the new YFs and YAFs who—on faith—gave retreats a try; the Resource People who have sacrificed many weekends and challenged themselves in many ways to love and care for Young Friends; the cooks who have mass-produced vegan comfort food in unfamiliar kitchens on a budget; and God's grace which has entered these communities and made all of our incomplete efforts enough. Thank you.

— NIADWYNWEN THOMAS

## Committee & Board Reports

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### Permanent Board

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Permanent Board meets to conduct the necessary business of the Yearly Meeting between the Annual Sessions of the Yearly Meeting. As part of our regular business we receive reports from the Yearly Meeting secretary, the Coordinating & Advisory Committee, the treasurer, the Finance Committee, the Sessions Committee, the Nominating Committee, our own Internal Nominating Committee, plus the Clerks Nominating Committee.

In hearing those reports we add our own discernment on the work of the Yearly Meeting secretary, the Staff Work Plan, the Priorities Budget, the Yearly Meeting budget, planning for sessions, and we approve nominations of committee members and Yearly Meeting clerks. We also hear and approve travel minutes and memorial minutes.

The Yearly Meeting secretary keeps us apprised of staff work, reporting on his regular review sessions, and of personnel matters needing our attention. (He also meets regularly with the Personnel Committee, which is a sub-committee of Permanent Board.) Thus the changes in staffing brought on by resignations this year were presented to us as part of this ongoing process.

In addition to the regular business, Permanent Board considers other issues as they arise. This year we spent considerable time in each of our sessions considering the structure of the Yearly Meeting, our committees, and how we make decisions. One of the reasons we have been looking at this is the problem being faced by the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee—there is a great deal of unease regarding this work, exemplified by the fact that this year there was no one who was willing to be the clerk of that committee.

In this work we learned that we are unique amongst Yearly Meetings in having a Permanent Board appointed by the Yearly Meeting; most others we compared ourselves to have a Representative or Interim Meeting, with representatives appointed by each monthly meeting, with sessions open to all members. We considered if changing our structure to something similar would ease the burden on Nominating Committee and at the same time create a greater sense of participation in the workings of the Yearly Meeting. We are not ready to make such a recommendation, but we are ready to open up our discussion to the wider body of the Yearly Meeting.

This year Permanent Board heard from a number of monthly meetings who responded to the “Minute of Sending Forth” that closed last year’s sessions. Some of what we heard expressed strong concerns; others shared their discernment on the priorities listed in the minute. We responded as best we could, hoping to be led by the Light of God in all that we do.

We scheduled a special called meeting of the Permanent Board for a date in July to consider a recommendation from a committee of the Yearly Meeting regarding an important issue that must be heard in a timely fashion. The Yearly Meeting has taken on many responsibilities in its 350 year history—missions that monthly meetings could not approach on their own—the labor that comes with taking on those responsibilities is often part of the work of Permanent Board.

For the record: We met in August both before and after Yearly Meeting Sessions, in November at Woolman Hill, in January at Wellesley Meeting, in March at Friends Meeting at Cambridge, in May at Concord Friends Meeting, and in July at the New England Friends Home.

— EDWARD BAKER, CLERK

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**Committee on Aging**

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This year's Committee on Aging is filled with a vibrant and lively group of dedicated workers who bring diverse experience and enthusiasm to our meetings. We continue to meet at the homes of some of our members, especially our elder members' home whenever possible, thereby honoring our commitment to our mission, "to cherish and learn from the knowledge, wisdom, and experience of our more aged Friends."

We also have followed our newly developed concern for the needs of aging people, their caregivers, and the way New England Yearly Meeting, quarterly meetings, and monthly meetings can address those needs. We developed and piloted a workshop called "Growing And Aging In The Spirit," which we offered to three quarterly meetings (with more to come). The workshop encourages participants to ponder and discuss readings and queries about their experiences of body, mind and spirit in the inevitable process of aging, as well as "Befriending Our Own Mortality" from a 2007 Weed lecture by Thomas Gates. Our commitment is to increase awareness of the challenges and opportunities that lay before us.

We continue to improve and add to our Library/Resource lists of pamphlets, books, films, and information that can be accessed online.

The tasks before us are: 1. To broaden the ages and gender diversity of our committee. 2. To continue to seek more input from meetings and individuals as to how we can identify and assist the wants and needs of our elders, their families, friends, and caregivers.

The committee is grateful for the support and interest from the Nominating and Sessions Committees. It helped us focus the spirit and life of the committee.

—ELEANOR CAPPA, CLERK

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**Archives Committee**

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This has been a year of change for the New England Yearly Meeting Archives and the committee that assists the archivist. With respect to the committee and how it functions, we are now being clerked by a rookie committee member and first-time clerk. Our process has been changed to encourage meeting via the internet tool Skype and e-mail exchanges, both of which allow for distant members to participate with greater ease.

It is with regret for her leaving and gratitude for her service that we report that our archivist, Marnie Miller-Gutsell (Smith) has retired. The search for a new archivist is underway, with several applications being considered; a decision is expected shortly.

A persistent item on our agenda is consideration of whether or not to continue the housing of the NEYM Archives at the Rhode Island Historical Society (RIHS). There are many reasons why the issue of where to place our Yearly Meeting's records has been a source of much deliberation. There are several concerns regarding the adequacy of physical space for the collection at this time and for the coming years. There are also concerns regarding the facilities provided by the RIHS for the use of the archivist. Our archivist frequently has not been consulted on decisions that directly affected his or her ability to do their work. It is fair to say that the relationship has deteriorated over time.

It is unknown if a new archivist will have a more successful relationship with the RIHS; this is always a possibility and the committee looks forward to this potentially happening. However, the committee has decided that we need revisit the Agreement with the RIHS and has also begun a process to look at other archives to see if they would provide a more adequate housing and far better access to the collections. We would like to stress that many options, including repairing the current relationship,



are being considered and weighed. We ask that any member of the Yearly, quarterly, and monthly meetings who would like to speak with us or help us in our deliberations please do so, and if they can simply hold us in the light, that, too, would be appreciated.

—MARY FRANCES ANGELINI, CLERK

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**Board of Managers  
of Investment and Permanent Funds**

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In the fiscal year ended Third Month 31, 2011, annual income distributed to constituents from the Pooled Funds after payment of expenses totaled \$6.83 per 100 units (i.e. \$0.0683 per unit). For the second year in a row, this distribution fell shy of the amount (\$0.072 per unit) that the Board had suggested budgeting for Fiscal Year 2011. Yields on both corporate bonds and Treasuries remained near their lowest levels in 20 years as the Federal Reserve implemented measures to keep their policy as accommodative as possible, rather than risk stalling out the economic recovery. For the fiscal year ending Third Month 31, 2012, we are projecting \$6.85 per 100 units (i.e. \$0.0685 per unit)

The Pooled Funds are a balanced fund, investing in both stocks and fixed income securities, and are managed primarily with the objectives of generating a predictable income stream for constituents and increasing the distribution over time through appreciation of the underlying units. The Board seeks to generate this income by investing in companies whose businesses are aligned with Quaker testimonies. The policies and procedures are described in the Green Book, which is available by request from the Board of Managers or online at [www.neym.org](http://www.neym.org).

For the period of Fourth Month 1, 2010 through Third Month 31, 2011, the NEYM Pooled Funds had a total return (income plus unit value appreciation) net of all expenses of 14.12%. This consists of a distribution of income per unit to beneficiaries of 2.36% and an 11.75% increase in the market value. The time-weighted total return for the Pooled Funds before the deduction of fees was 14.66%. A history of the performance of the Pooled Funds including income and capital appreciation is attached to this report.

Although the portfolio's total return for the fiscal year was strong, low yields on money market funds and bonds have restricted our investment managers' ability to diversify the equity portion of the portfolio, requiring them to invest heavily in stocks with high yields and minimizing investments in low- or no-dividend paying stocks, while maintaining the portfolio within the target allocation range. If constituents find that the income distribution is insufficient to meet their commitments, they may want to consider the option of cashing in a limited number of units to make up the difference.

As of Third Month 31, 2011, the market value of the Pooled Funds was \$6.10 million with 39 separate accounts. During the year, one meeting joined the Pooled Funds while another meeting consolidated two accounts, so the total number of accounts participating in the Pooled Funds remained the same. The market value of the Pooled Funds increased by \$786,000 during the year, while the total number of units increased by 50,000, the net result of funds received and reinvested versus withdrawals.

The Board remains committed to investing a portion of the Pooled Funds in community developments. In Sixth Month, 2010, the Institute for Community Economics merged with another organization and restructured its loans, making the Pooled



**New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Pooled Fund**  
**Comparative Figures for Fiscal Years Ending March 31**

<b>Income (per unit)</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Projected Distribution	\$0.081	\$0.081	\$0.072	\$0.075	\$0.078	\$0.078	\$0.080	\$0.080	\$0.078	\$0.072	\$0.069
Actual Distribution	\$0.090	\$0.081	\$0.077	\$0.080	\$0.079	\$0.087	\$0.098	\$0.099	\$0.074	\$0.068	—
<b>Market Values</b>											
Total Value (in thousands)	\$4,450	\$4,000	\$4,667	\$4,756	\$5,283	\$5,663	\$5,559	\$4,313	\$5,312	\$6,098	—
Total # of Units (in thousands)	1,751	1,737	1,746	1,800	1,807	1,864	1,873	1,864	1,837	1,887	—
Market Value Per Unit	\$2,541	\$2,303	\$2,660	\$2,642	\$2,924	\$3,039	\$2,968	\$2,314	\$2,891	\$3,231	—
<b>Returns</b>											
Appreciation	-0.55%	-9.38%	15.51%	-0.70%	10.69%	3.92%	-2.51%	-22.03%	24.92%	11.75%	—
Income	3.53%	3.19%	3.32%	3.00%	2.99%	2.97%	3.23%	3.32%	3.20%	2.36%	—
Total	2.98%	-6.19%	18.84%	2.30%	13.68%	6.90%	0.72%	-18.71%	28.12%	14.12%	—
Lipper Balanced Fund Average	1.46%	-13.29%	23.58%	4.28%	9.43%	8.8%	-1.7%	-26.8%	35.6%	11.9%	—

**Notes:**

1. Except for the Lipper returns, return figures are rounded to the nearest .01%.
2. NEYM returns are simple annual rates of return, calculated net of expenses. The appreciation return is calculated by dividing the change in the market value during the year by the beginning market value. The income return is calculated by dividing the income distributed per unit during the year by the beginning market value. The total return for FY11 compounded quarterly is 14.34%.
3. On an annualized basis over the past five years, the NEYM Pooled Funds returned 5.05% per year after deducting management and administrative fees as compared to a return of 3.50% for the Lipper Balanced Fund Average. Over the past ten years, the Pooled Funds returned 4.96% per year as compared to a return of 3.56% per year for the Lipper Balanced Fund Index. Please note that the NEYM Pooled Funds are subject to social and other constraints which are not applicable to the Lipper Balanced Fund Average.

Funds investment in the organization less secure and less focused on New England; consequently the Board chose to redeem it. After carefully evaluating a number of alternatives, the Board approved the investment of \$65,000 for three years in the Boston Community Loan Fund, beginning in Sixth Month, 2011. Along with the existing investment in the Cooperative Fund of New England, this will bring the Pooled Funds community investments up to about 2% of the portfolio.

One of our goals is to put in place more efficient and cost effective procedures. As part of that effort, the Board has authorized the treasurer to investigate the costs and benefits of changing custodians. We will keep our constituents updated on any changes we decide to make.

We invite you to join us at Sessions, where we will be holding a question and answer period on Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. Members of all participating organizations and any other interested members of the YM are welcome. Treasurers are encouraged to invite members of their respective Finance Committees.

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail the Board of Managers at [neympooledfunds@neym.org](mailto:neympooledfunds@neym.org), or call Mark Orlowski, clerk, at 413-563-6747 or Brian Clark, treasurer, at 978-897-5646.

Yours in the Light,

—BRIAN CLARK, TREASURER

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### Coordinating & Advisory

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The Coordinating & Advisory Committee (C&A) has had another busy year, meeting approximately every other month between annual sessions. We held each other in the light, sharing our experiences and concerns as children of God and in our roles as the clerks of Permanent Board, Ministry & Counsel, Yearly Meeting treasurer, Yearly Meeting secretary and presiding clerk.

As the supervisory committee for the Yearly Meeting secretary, we advised and conferred with him on the creation and implementation of the staff annual work plan and the development of a draft priorities budget.

We monitored the work of Permanent Board and reported to that body on the work of the other sectors of the Yearly Meeting community.

C&A recommended that Permanent Board consider implementing, as an experiment for three years, a second annual Yearly Meeting Sessions to be held each spring and to include a joint meeting of Permanent Board, Ministry & Counsel and Finance Committee. The recommendation also included the suggestion that time be provided, during these Sessions, for extended worship and for all committees to meet. Offered by Coordinating & Advisory Committee as a working document at the request of Permanent Board, this recommendation was made in light of the work that the Yearly Meeting has done over the past six to eight years (or longer), asking what God wants us to be and do and how best to answer that call, organizationally speaking. There were other details of this recommendation, including that the membership of Permanent Board might be composed of representatives of monthly and quarterly meetings, as well as some at-large members nominated by the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee. We desire to simplify and enliven our structure.

C&A advised Permanent Board that there is a need to re-visit the role of the presiding clerk, barely mentioned in the current Book of *Faith and Practice*. Over the past two years, as Permanent Board has begun educating itself about the structure of other yearly meetings, we have learned that there are a number of ways to make the year-round position of presiding clerk sustainably accessible to members of other

demographic groups besides those who are in long-term life-partnerships, and/or who are independently wealthy or retired. For example, some yearly meetings have assistant clerks who then step into the presiding clerk's role. Sometimes the rising or immediate past clerk has articulated year-round responsibilities. Since we already have a clerks table, another possibility might be to expand those roles to include some year-round activities.

Finally, in preparation for 2011 sessions, C&A has monitored the work of Sessions and other Committees and collaborated with the presiding clerk. We have shared news of our monthly and quarterly meetings and how the spirit is moving among us there, how the Yearly Meeting is supporting that movement and ways we can increase that support. We co-sponsored another treasurers' workshop that was well attended by monthly meeting representatives. Members of C&A have visited a number of monthly meetings and the clerk of C&A facilitated two mediations for one of our institutions and its committee.

We are blessed by this work.

—LINDA JENKINS, PRESIDING CLERK

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### Christian Education

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During the 2010 Yearly Meeting Sessions, there were no workshops, so our committee instead led a very successful intergenerational morning worship sharing. We continued our concern for the integration of young families and parents at Yearly Meeting Sessions, and, with CE Coordinator Beth Collea, spearheaded a family neighborhood that allowed young families to be located together with support activities, a library of books and toys, and chances to connect with each other. The "Share-Fair" our committee has traditionally hosted at Yearly Meeting was so effective that other committees joined in to make it a multi-committee event.

During the successive year, we have moved forward with the definition of our committee life. This included not only rewriting our purposes and procedures, but also making the decision to bring forward to Yearly Meeting the sense that the name of our committee should be changed. We are asking for the wisdom of the body on this proposal. Our committee passed the following minute, and wrote a related article included in the Advance Documents.

The name "Quaker Youth Education" more accurately reflects the broad scope of this committee's work, which includes the following: Quaker history and practice, Christian education, comparative religion, Quaker witness, and working with families to bring Quaker values and practice to the home. While Christian Education is a key component in this committee's work, we feel the new name is a broader umbrella that more accurately describes the work we are doing in the New England Yearly Meeting.

We have also worked hard to think of new means of outreach to families, as the traditional connection through First Day Schools does not reach all Quaker children, especially those beyond primary level. One avenue is to make resources available through the web. To that end, we have been working hard on creating a more flexible and rich website. We are again publishing a Quaker calendar to inspire families throughout the year. It will come out at Sessions. We are glad that Beth Collea publishes the *REmail*, to keep many apprised about Religious Education opportunities around the Yearly Meeting.

Most years, this committee has organized a family weekend or curriculum workshop during the year. While we had other foci this year, we were pleased to help

sponsor a workshop on Godly Play training in Maine. Finally, our committee finds great richness collaborating with staff person Beth Collea, who brings insight and leading to work with youth and families in Yearly Meeting. Watch for the brochures developed for hand-outs at your local Meeting, explaining the wealth of opportunity for youth in connecting to the world of Friends.

—RACHEL WALKER COGBILL, CLERK

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### Development Committee

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New England Yearly Meeting is more than just Annual Sessions. Our Yearly Meeting works all year to support monthly meetings and individuals. While we are blessed with many, many volunteers, money is also needed to fully carry out the spiritual mission of the Yearly Meeting:

- Offering vibrant retreat programs, with staff support, for youth from elementary school age through young adults;
- Providing support to monthly and quarterly meetings through staff and volunteer visitation, programs, and administrative assistance;
- Working to strengthen First Day schools with staff and volunteer visitation, curriculum development, programs, and a lending library;
- Gathering Friends from all over New England to share ideas and develop projects for work in peace and justice, environmental stewardship, aging, and anti-racism;
- Preserving the historical records of the oldest yearly meeting (even older than Philadelphia!)
- Maintaining contacts with other branches of Quakerism and with the wider world of Quakers;
- Managing the finances of the Yearly Meeting and the investments of the Yearly Meeting and many of the monthly meetings;
- Keeping us all in contact with one another by publishing newsletters, *Faith and Practice*, and other information;
- Planning and organizing the second largest Quaker conference in America — our NEYM Sessions.

All of this work is done by a very small paid staff with the help of many volunteers. In fact, our entire YM budget is less than that of many individual churches from other denominations. Yet, as of the middle of May, contributions from both meetings and individuals are not meeting the budget we set last summer, and we will need to do better for the next fiscal year just to keep up with our current activities.

About seven years ago, NEYM realized that we needed to ask individuals to supplement the contributions from meetings. In 2003, the Development Committee was appointed by Sessions to take on responsibility for fund raising. Through the years, the committee has raised awareness of our financial needs at Sessions and through annual mailings, initiated a strong *GiveMonthly* program, visited with donors individually and in their meetings, and worked with the Finance Committee to set realistic, achievable budgets.

This year, we are concentrating our efforts on increasing participation. Only about 240 Friends and their families currently support the Yearly Meeting with contributions. If everyone gave a donation, we would be able to close the budget gap. Our slogan, “Every gift counts,” reminds us that our financial support, no matter how small, is important to the health of the Yearly Meeting.

We have had fun collecting stories from Friends—Why do I give? Why is NEYM important to me and my family? Why do we *GiveMonthly*? Why have we included

NEYM in our wills? These testimonies are being published in the *New England Friend* and will be online when the website is updated. These statements help put a face on giving to the Yearly Meeting, and we welcome your stories and pictures.

We have also continued our practice of contacting our major donors—those Friends who are financially able to provide substantial support to the Yearly Meeting. Their contributions, while few in number, provide the foundation for our individual fund raising efforts.

Last year, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, the Development Committee formed an Ad Hoc Intervisitation Listening Committee to visit with monthly meetings. We wanted to find out what the meetings find valuable—or not so valuable—about NEYM to guide us in setting budgets in the future and to talk with the monthly meetings about their financial contribution. We hoped to use this as a forum to encourage the meetings to increase their support—and we have accomplished that to some degree. However, we realized that the information we were getting in these conversations extended far beyond the budget, with comments on programs that work or don't work, requests for support that the monthly meeting needs or wants from Yearly Meeting, and ideas for the future. These are important to the health of the Yearly Meeting, as well as the monthly meetings, far beyond the issue of finances. We asked Permanent Board to assume care of the Listening Committee to provide needed oversight and coordination and to continue the project for another year.

The Development Committee is a tiny but committed group of Friends. We view our tasks as a ministry—a ministry of stewardship and outreach. We have many openings and invite you into this important work. You don't have to have experience, just a firm belief that finances should not be the block to doing the work God calls us to and a willingness to share your excitement about New England Yearly Meeting.

Finally, we urge you to donate to Yearly Meeting, make a gift of appreciated stock, name NEYM as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance, or set up a *GiveMonthly* account of \$5.00 or more per month. Please help NEYM meet its financial priorities. Together, we can do it. Every Gift Counts!

— NANCY HAINES, CLERK

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### Earthcare Ministry

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Earthcare Ministers met for scheduled Committee Days and for our traditional Woolman Hill retreat in December. We are passionate about our ministry, our work in NEYM to serve Friends in New England and to learn from monthly and quarterly meetings about how they are led to respond to the urgent challenge of healing the earth. We humans also are members of the earth community we must restore.

Our role in the annual Yearly Meeting Sessions has changed with the new structure so that we no longer plan workshops. This has left us searching for ways to serve during this time, and the loss of the old model has been troubling for some. Our large membership, which is still 15 at last count, comprises many action-oriented Friends who are deeply involved with local earthcare projects, both in our monthly meetings and in our towns. We are pleased to bring such experiences with us to Yearly Meeting Sessions, to tell these stories.

In April 2011, some of us collaborated with two other NEYM committees to organize the *Call to Witness and Day of Discernment* in Boston and Wellesley. (See *planning group report*, p. 55–57)

Despite the terrible urgency and tragedy of widespread irreversible injuries to so many elements of the Land Community, we on the Earthcare Ministry Committee

appreciate the kind of wry humor that keeps sorrow and anger from crippling us as sentient beings. So at 2010 Yearly Meeting Sessions we put up our Karma-Shave signs, wore our Four-Fold Path of Personal Transportation buttons, and produced a skit called *EarthocracyNow!*—a takeoff on a famous independent news program. We know we can do better, as good citizens of the earth, and we work for this with creativity, gratitude, and commitment, according to our leadings as human animals, of the Quaker subspecies.

—BONNER MCALLESTER, CLERK

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**Faith and Practice  
Revision Committee**

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Our work continues steadily as we continue taking up and revising chapters as led. After distributing a working paper for Chapter 1: *Illustrative Experiences of Friends* at 2010 Sessions, we turned our attention to Appendices and to revisions of working papers.

We took up Appendices in response to requests for more succinct guidance in *Faith and Practice* on membership and marriage clearness, travel minutes, recognizing gifts and ministry, and related documents, knowing work on the chapters containing the full treatment of these topics would come later. We distributed a working paper with quite an extended collection of Appendices in May, hoping they would provide useful guidance now.

While we have worked on revisions for three chapters, we were able to complete only one to submit to Sessions this year for preliminary approval: *Corporate Discernment in Meetings for Business*([neym.org/fandp/3](http://neym.org/fandp/3)). The comments on the 2009 working paper for this chapter from meetings, groups and individuals have provided much-appreciated guidance to us in our work revising it. We have labored hard on this chapter, hoping to express clearly our sense of good order in discerning truths we are given when seeking God's will together. We hope it will be of use in encouraging Friends to reflect on and clarify our corporate understanding of our business process.

We encourage Friends to visit our website — [neym.org/fandp/](http://neym.org/fandp/) — where all texts approved and in process are posted, along with other useful information. Paper copies of anything on the website may be requested from the office.

—JANET HOFFMAN, CLERK

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**Finance Committee**

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Seventeen score and ten years ago, our foremothers and forefathers brought forth New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. It is likely that sitting in worship for the conduct of business and committees of finance soon followed. Projects such as the Great Meetinghouse in Newport and other meetinghouses did not rise magically, but by the planning and sweat of many, as did the spreading of the Word. While monies in pounds sterling were likely forwarded from the "Home Meeting" in England in the early years, self-sufficiency soon followed. And 350 years later, there is still a New England Yearly Meeting and a committee of finance to oversee financial matters in the worshipful manner of Friends.

To deal with the daily dollars and cents, we welcome Frederick Martin as our new accounts manager. Frederick was previously at Arthur Morgan School, where he served as financial officer in addition to teaching, before he returned to New England to serve as an administrator and teacher at The Meeting School. He is currently attending Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Being the Accounts Manager allows him to be in service to New England Friends as he pursues a Master of Divinity.

We thank Alison Hersey for her many years of faithful and accurate service as accounts manager, as well as her input to and attendance at committee meetings. Allie is retiring and is reportedly summering at an “On Golden Pond” lake deep in Maine.

The FY12 operating budget (total budget less Sessions income and expenses which is planned to balance out) is recommended to be less than this year’s \$315,000. The \$285,000 +/- bottom line reflects the continuing uncertainty of our income rising out of the uncertainty of the economy as a whole. Contributions from meetings are holding and regularizing in the whole; however individual contributions are down and also reflecting uncertainty.

The budget is in good condition. Economies have come from tight management by the Yearly Meeting secretary of costs such as insurance and travel. Using the priorities budgeting model, the committee has been able to restore and rebalance our benevolences to Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, and Friends World Committee on Consultation. Money is also available for committee work. If you are a committee clerk who has not checked with Finance clerks, you need to do so by August 5. The budget will be finalized for presentation and approval at Sessions at the Finance Committee meeting on August 6 at Sessions.

Lastly, we sponsored a second annual *Funding Our Vision* day in April at Concord Meeting’s new meetinghouse. The continuing objectives are to give monthly and quarterly meetings an opportunity to compare notes on funding budgets; to meet visions of Friends; and to allow NEYM to explain such things as Priorities budgeting, the importance of regular contributions to support programs such as youth retreats, and what NEYM can do to support meetings. It was another fruitful gathering, with 16 meetings represented. However, many meetings and quarters have yet to avail themselves of the opportunity to participate. The Yearly Meeting secretary, the treasurer, the Finance Committee and the Development Committee want to know whatever issues the monthly meetings are led to raise. It is an open meeting for worship sharing and any Friend is welcome. Knowledge of your meeting’s financial successes, frustrations and visions is a plus. At this writing another *Funding Our Vision* day is planned for spring 2012.

— TRAVIS BELCHER, CO-CLERK

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### Friends General Conference Committee

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Friends General Conference (FGC) is a Quaker organization committed to serving its members—15 yearly meetings and eleven directly affiliated monthly meetings from the westernmost to easternmost coasts of US and Canada. We welcomed Fairhope, Alabama, meeting into membership this year.

New England YM has been generous and faithful in sending many valued Friends to serve within FGC. Even more are coming forward to help plan and carry out the 2012 FGC Gathering, to be held in Kingston, RI, at the University of Rhode Island. We are particularly blessed by having the Gathering Planning Committee clerked by Nancy and David Haines (Well). Many other NEYM Friends are becoming more familiar with FGC as they serve on the planning committee. Drew Thilmany (Mon) and Elise Person (Camb) serve on the FGC Long Range Conference Planning Committee (the parent committee of the Gathering Planning Committee), the latter providing critical analysis of the evaluations of the gatherings.

One of Friends’ fundamental beliefs is that of continuing revelation of the Truth. And these past few years at FGC have demanded that we live into that belief to a huge degree.



Approved two years ago, the transition involving six program committees into a new format has slowly been effected. Now the work of Ministry and Nurture and Traveling Ministries continues in the Sub-committee for Deepening. The work of Advancement and Outreach and Religious Education continues in the Sub-committee for Growing and the work of Youth Ministries and Racism continues in the Sub-committee for Transformation. The three sub-committees are under the care of the committee for Nurturing Ministries. Much work has been accomplished, more work lies ahead. New England Friends Beckey Phipps (FPon) and Alma Sanchez-Eppler (NHAm) have been part of this work.

Many hours of prayerful work have been spent in considering communications—internally, to the wider body of Friends and to the world. New England Friend Don Mick (NHav) has clerked these efforts.

As FGC seeks to serve more widely within the Religious Society of Friends, money is needed to carry out the programs and develop the needed resources. Our Development Committee, including Margaret Cooley (MTob), works hard.

Several years ago, FGC had the wisdom to form a Discernment and Planning Committee, to help guide our long range vision and implement new directions. Margaret Cooley has also served on that committee, but will be resigning to take up NEYM work.

With more than 20 committees and sub-committees seeking to fulfill the vision of FGC, the Nominating Committee, which Penny Wright (Han) serves on, is very busy. We often feel as if we serve in an elder capacity—drawing out and lifting up gifts and ministries from among our Central Committee members, the yearly meetings, and directly affiliated monthly meetings. We see our work as building the relationships between our constituents—for the better of all. As we work with the Yearly Meeting nominating committees we ease the burden for all of us. It is a considerable gift when meetings are able to fill their positions for appointees.

—PENNY WRIGHT, CLERK

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### Friends United Meeting Committee

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“How do we make room for new life? How do we allow ourselves to be transformed?”

These questions are being asked by the General Board, staff and associate meetings of Friends United Meeting (FUM), whose purpose is to “energize and equip Friends, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved and obeyed as Teacher and Lord.”

The FUM Committee of our Yearly Meeting holds our concerns, provides prayerful and material support and wrestles with our relationship with FUM. We have been ably led and well represented by faithful Friends who witness to our sorrows with and our hopes for FUM.

Will Taber’s (FPon) report on the February General Board meeting, which was included in the May/June issue of *Quaker Life*, notes two actions which were influenced by the faithful witness of our General Board representatives.

1. The Executive Committee had received the minute that the FUM committee had sent to the General Board asking it to reaffirm its minute condemning violence against gays after the murder of David Kato in Uganda. They expanded the scope of the minute to include other incidents of violence but left in the specific reference to violence against gay men and lesbian women. The General Board approved this minute and it will be sent to the meetings of FUM.

2. The other major issue on the agenda was consideration of the Personnel Manual. FUM Executive Secretary Sylvia Graves had undertaken a major revision



of this to bring it into line with Indiana labor law. Most of the changes were fairly straightforward and did not draw forth any discussion. The sticking point was the policy on sexual ethics. It was clear that the General Board would not be able to find unity on this section and in the course of consideration it was clear that there was little interest in even discussing the substance of the issue. Instead the discussion focused almost entirely on how to approve the policy manual and still respect the conscience of those who could not approve the sexual ethics portion. We ended up approving all of the rest of the manual and noting that we could not find unity on the section on sexual ethics. Neither was there unity in removing it. Because the sexual ethics policy had been approved by the General Board in 1988, it remains in effect. The new manual will indicate that approval; in a new step, it will also indicate that the current board cannot find unity on it.

We have sponsored the visit of Joyce Ajlouny, Director of Ramallah Friends Schools, and have encouraged deep discussion of the nature of our relationship with FUM in both monthly and quarterly meetings.

We, like FUM itself, are in a time of transition as leadership changes and a new Board forms after this year's Triennial. We give thanks for the faithful service of Deana Chase (Wport) and Will Taber on the General Board and for Betsy Muench (Brun) as a trustee.

We continue to believe that the work FUM is doing is an important part of our Quaker practice and an example of world healing where we can learn, participate and hope to emulate. We invite you to visit their website at [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org), sponsor an FUM Sunday, or participate in their Chain of Prayer so that we can better know and understand this work.

As Will stated in his report, "The changing of hearts is God's work and not ours. But we can remain in fellowship with these yearly meetings. We can be true to the truth that we have been led to. We can learn to listen in humility to Friends we disagree with in the faith that the power and the love of the Lord is over all."

—ANN DODD-COLLINS, LESLIE MANNING, WILL TABER

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### **Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Committee**

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The committee's major task for the year has been preparation for the Sixth World Conference, scheduled for April 2012 in Nakuru, Kenya. The conference theme is *Being Salt and Light: Friends living the kingdom of God in a broken world*. (More information, including study materials that can be used in local meetings, is available at [www.saltandlight2012.org](http://www.saltandlight2012.org).)

NEYM is allotted six representatives to the conference, based on our membership. The FWCC World Office requested that we send equal numbers of men and women and at least one quarter of the representatives be under age 35. Working with the NEYM Nominating Committee, we publicized the opportunity widely and brainstormed people who should be invited to apply. We received more than 15 complete applications. At our fall committee meeting we discerned which of those names seemed right to forward, taking into account diversity in gender, age, geographic and theological locations within NEYM, and previous experience with world-wide Quaker gatherings. Permanent Board has approved six delegates plus six alternates. In addition, at least six other New England Friends will be attending the conference as staff or filling open spaces.

We also worked with the Finance Committee to ensure adequate funding for delegate travel, and continued NEYM support for the travel fund for delegates from less-developed areas of the world. Thanks to work by committee members, Salem Quarterly Meeting has also committed \$1000 to the travel fund. We encouraged delegates and other attenders to seek support from their local and quarterly meetings for the costs of registration and accommodations, which the Yearly Meeting does not pay (about \$1,000 per person).

During the year, several committee members arranged to use FWCC-generated materials for programs in local, quarterly, or regional meetings. These included queries from the Global Change Initiative, which seeks to develop a Quaker response to the combined challenges of changes in the environment, climate, economy, and society. (The queries and responses from Friends around the world are available at [www.fwccglobalchange.org](http://www.fwccglobalchange.org).) At least one meeting forwarded its response to the Global Change coordinators.

Three of New England's representatives plus three other New England Friends participated in the Section of the Americas meeting in Philadelphia in March. This was a truncated meeting in an attempt to conserve funds and staff time. The Section will likely not meet in a separate session in 2012, doing its business at a called meeting during the April World Conference.

We are planning several events for the fall of 2011 in local meetings. We will be joined by Valerie Joy, secretary of the Asia and West Pacific Section of FWCC, and Abel Sibonio, a Burundian pastor who survived that country's violence and resettled in Australia. Two *Salt and Light* weekend events are planned: one in Falmouth Quarter (at Portland) and the other in Salem Quarter (at Wellesley). We are hoping to arrange more informal gatherings in other meetings during the week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, and welcome invitations.

New England's FWCC committee and representatives rejoice in serving as a link between our Yearly Meeting and Friends throughout the world.

—ELIZABETH CAZDEN, CLERK

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### Ministry & Counsel

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Ministry & Counsel (M&C) prayerfully continued our work of trying to sense the condition of New England Yearly Meeting and to discern what we can do to support—and challenge when necessary—meetings and individuals of the Yearly Meeting toward greater spiritual growth. This includes initial plans for a committee web page on the Yearly Meeting site where we can provide resources on a range of interests and concerns for Friends.

We spent some time with difficult questions this year, such as what do we do when the Yearly Meeting at sessions discerns an area of our corporate life that needs careful thought and reflection, a group of individuals feels led to work with the Yearly Meeting on these questions, and then monthly meetings (for the most part) show no interest in the matter (some of the more recent examples include racism and sexual ethics).

Guided by Margaret Cooley, director of Woolman Hill, and Sarah Spencer (B Hill), Quaker Studies coordinator, we delved into the question of what is emerging spiritually in the Yearly Meeting that we as Ministry & Counsel could support in the form of programs, online courses, talks, workshops, etc.

In reflection on attendance over the last few years at early morning worship, we decided that too few people have participated to merit M&C members organizing and showing up to support worship each morning. As Earthcare Witness' outdoor worship is the one that has seemed to draw people, it will continue (with an indoor back-up location) as Sessions' early morning worship option.

#### State of Society Process

Finally, perhaps our largest single focus has been on exploring how we might produce an annual State of Society report that truly reflects the spiritual state of our yearly meeting. The last few years we have written our traditional report based on monthly meeting state of society reports, we have been working with reports from less than twenty meetings out of our full complement of sixty-eight. It did not seem that this process was truly teaching us anything about ourselves as a Yearly Meeting. After a jubilee year, we decided to reach out to more areas of the Yearly Meeting. In addition to monthly meeting reports, members from M&C have spoken with staff, YM committee clerks, and many who work with our youth. Our intervisitation committee has also considered what they've learned from visiting monthly meetings throughout NEYM. We hope to present a draft of a State of Society report by the end of sessions this summer. Then, taking a page from *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee, we intend to ask for feedback on our report. Does it match Friends' sense of the state of our religious society throughout New England? We hope to incorporate these responses into a final State of Society report. We do not yet know how this year's experiment will affect how NEYM assesses its spiritual state in the future, but we hope it will teach us and guide our future discernment.

In Love and Light,

— KRISTNA EVANS, CLERK

#### M&C: Working Party on Spirituality & Sexual Ethics

The working party continues to meet regularly under the care of Ministry & Counsel, and is grateful for this work. We are discerning the answers to several questions posed by our *Minute of Commitment* (2007) and requests for guidance from throughout our YM community. In response to the work done by several meetings and quarters and the promptings of Spirit, we are developing a brief statement of our points of unity, as well as essays, queries and reflections on sexual ethics based on these points. We appreciate the work and worshipful spirit of those meetings which have engaged in this exercise and urge others to consider if they are led to take it on.

We continue to work with staff to make our work available on the NEYM website. Please contact one of us if your meeting needs more information or support.

Our sexuality is a divine gift and needs to be treated as faithfully as other gifts of Spirit. We appreciate this opportunity to be faithful, and invite you to hold us in the Light as we move forward.

— LESLIE MANNING, CLERK, JESSICA HIPPE, ASSISTANT CLERK,  
PETER BISHOP, RECORDING CLERK

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**New England Friends Home Committee**

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Why has New England Yearly Meeting been in the business of running an assisted living facility? Our mission statement reads:

The mission of the New England Friends Home is to provide a home-like setting for residents who will foster a congenial atmosphere embodying the principles of simplicity, peace, community, and equality. The New England Friends Home, founded and operated by the Religious Society of Friends, is open to all who no longer wish to live independently but wish to join a community which allows them to age within the family setting.

A Friends organization can exist for a variety of reasons: to provide a service to Friends; to employ Friends; to provide a much needed service to a community; or to be examples of how Quaker values can manifest. New England Friends Home accomplishes none of these objectives. t

Friends Home continues to exist because we never stopped to ask ourselves why. We have continued because the Home is a beautiful place, the residents are happy, and continuing to operate is easier than examining our business plan and making prudent decisions. It no longer makes sense to continue operating the Home.

In the 1880s Sarah Pope Dixon had a vision for a retirement community for retired women teachers. Quaker women who had devoted their lives to teaching did not have anyone to care for them when they aged. Dixon identified a need in the community and created a fund to support it. Her mission was clear. Many New England Friends are surprised to learn that we still own and operate an assisted living facility. Friends Home has been blessed with four very caring directors since 1995, when our last Quaker director retired. During this time, the presence of Friends at the Home has decreased and the Home has served members of the local Hingham community almost exclusively.

Many Friends have served on this committee over the last century. Each group has made decisions about the Home to the best of their ability. However, these well-meant actions have led us to our present situation; overall we have been poor stewards of our resources. The idea of providing services below cost and making up the immediate difference by raising funds when special needs arose has been the modus operandi. In early years the Home Committee was actively involved in administrative issues including the admissions process, deciding who should be admitted to the Home and who should receive subsidies. In recent decades the practice of charging very modest rates has meant we subsidize everybody regardless of need. A review of past minutes indicates that in the last 15–20 years the committee allowed the director to make these decisions and failed to make strategic plans to create a sustainable business model.

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs certifies the Home as an assisted living facility and assesses our operation every other year. In the past two years we have hired consultants to help us navigate these regulations. The salary we have been able to offer our directors has been inadequate to retain an individual who can manage all of the many responsibilities involved in running a small business in a highly regulated environment while holding our core values. Our Home does not exemplify Quaker values as we provide charity to people who do not need it on the backs of our hard working staff. Because we charge low rates, we are unable to provide adequate salary and benefits.

As a business we are in crisis. Our fourth director in two years left on July 1, 2011. The burden of managing the Home has fallen to the Home Committee. We lack the

skills and resources, our money is running low and the operation is not sustainable. We have been researching options for the future. We believe we have no choice but to close the Home. Given our current liability with frail elders, no director, depleted funds, low census and a history of running at a deficit we cannot continue to operate for long.

The New England Friends Home Committee has been in communication with Permanent Board since February and met with them during a called meeting on July 9, 2011, to discuss the current situation. We are grateful for the care and support given to us by Permanent Board, and they charged us to act swiftly to disengage from the operation of the Home. It is with great sadness that we arrived at the decision to lay down the Home.

We are moving forward quickly to minimize our liability and ensure adequate funds for a smooth transition for our residents and staff. With the help of consultants and under the supervision of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs the Home will be closed this fall.

—ALICE SHAEFER & BETSY KANTT, NEFH COMMITTEE

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### Nominating Committee

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I am a vessel through which God's work is done.

We each want to do good work using our unique gifts and talents. How do I discern what is mine to do? I call upon the indwelling Christ for clarity. I set an intention to be motivated by love, kindness and generosity—rather than by fear, judgment or obligation. In the silence, I seek to better understand my purpose and listen for the still small voice of wisdom.

My guidance reveals ways I can serve authentically. Likewise, I am redirected when something is not mine to do.

With clarity of purpose, motivation and direction, I carry out good works that bring good results. I am a vessel through which God's work is done.

'Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these.' (John 14:12)

—DAILYWORD.COM UNITY CHURCH

In the last decade, the committee's work has changed and grown. Communications tools have changed and the participation of representatives from our meetings has ebbed. For many years Nominating Committee met the enormous demand of record keeping with Marian Dalton's (Brun) diligently kept spreadsheets. The committee of often less than a dozen Friends has reliably brought forth nominations.

This was a pivotal year for our committee. We have consolidated redundant record-keeping practices by integrating the committee's records with the Yearly Meeting database. In this transition year there are still processes to work out, reporting and recording formats to experiment with, and the normal work to do of entering and verifying the nearly 300 committee member names we list in our minute book.

In serving this committee we have not only uncovered the practical administrative solutions to managing our Nominating slate of names, but also had the chance to work in an intimate group of Friends committed to serving this annual process with good sense and humor. The mission of our committee is broad and the resources we have are very limited, but we have come together four times in search of our work together, trusting in the Divine assistance that we dearly need. Affecting our Nominating Committee in particular is the lack of representatives from our meetings. While we have a few "corresponding" representatives, we are mostly disconnected from the

majority of our meetings. As a Yearly Meeting we need to examine ways we can engage with monthly and quarterly meetings to connect active members to Yearly Meeting. As Friends on this committee experience, in gathering together there is powerful transformation in the journey of raising up the organized work of your yearly meeting.

By carefully attending to the recording of each committee's status, the number of vacancies, terms and other minutia, we have made what is a daunting set of tasks easily identifiable. In our process we have discussed numerous issues requiring more discernment, especially in relation to our Yearly Meeting structure. We have discussed sponsoring a retreat for anchor group facilitators to support and engage those Friends with the discernment of the gifts and talents the Nominating Committee is charged with lifting up.

While we are a small group of Friends, we are indeed feeling led into a lightening of our work. I look forward to the next year as our processes unfold.

—DELIA WINDWALKER, RECORDING CLERK

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### **Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School**

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The goals for this year:

- Help the school increase Quaker enrollment;
  - By working to increase outreach to NEYM monthly meetings through e-mail, we hope to provide more information on a regular basis about the life of the school and items of particular interest for Friends.
  - The school created the Moses Brown (MB) fund for donations. This fund has dedicated a percentage of its results to increasing endowment and scholarships.
  - The committee is using legal counsel to explore the logistics and legal ramifications of implementing host-family boarding for Quaker students.
  - Two new Quaker students have been enrolled.
- Help the school develop, document and communicate its implementation of Friends education;
  - The expanded director of Friends Education position has had a notable, positive impact on the school's implementation of Quaker values and practices.
  - The NEASC accreditation process has documented current practices thoroughly. The community, divided into 15 self study groups, used a Quaker protocol that evaluated how well the school upholds the principles and practices of Friends Education.
  - The evaluation by the visiting accreditation team, which the school receives this summer, will be a guide for further implementation. That group included a Quaker educator as a member.
  - The fourth-grade partnership with Kenyan schools has continued this year. They are helping to develop farms at three of the schools and are actively soliciting financial support to purchase three cows for the school farms.
  - Materials collected and used at 2010 Sessions have been posted on our website.
  - The new employee orientation to Quakerism continues to support this goal, as does orientation for new trustees.
  - Handbooks for all employees and families of students have been reviewed and updated. Each one includes a section on "Life in a Quaker School."
  - The next level of clerkship training for administrators, faculty, and staff has continued with spring and summer workshops.

- Three members of the committee met with Lower School classes in Providence Meetinghouse for short discussions about speaking out of silence in meeting for worship.
- Strengthen the relationship between Moses Brown and Quakers of New England;
  - Increase MB participation at Sessions. This year there will be a committee table and a panel discussion for representatives from New England Friends schools.
  - The first evening potluck for Friends' families offered feedback on how the committee can support Friends at MB.
  - Update the committee's website more frequently.

In its first year as a full committee of NEYM as well as the Board of Moses Brown School, five of seven scheduled meetings were completed. We have found that use of Skype for members from a distance has been helpful. Additional attendees at meetings included faculty and other MB Board members who have helped to expand the work of the committee.

All these goals are steps of progress. They have elements of success that are not always tangible in the short term. The committee's work is ongoing and one of nurturing growth rather than accomplishing definite short term results.

—ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN, CLERK

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### Peace & Social Concerns

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As we think back on the past year, we are concerned about the obstacles to NEYM committee work. We ask for Friends to seek ways of overcoming these obstacles as well as to continue our pursuit for peace and justice.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee added to last year's Sessions by setting up a well-received display in the atrium for Friends to contribute to a Tree of Forgiveness. We also prepared a display for the Committee Fair and in the dining room showing Friends how to make use of the committee's website.

While gathered for our first meeting of the year, we responded to the Minute of Sending Forth approved at Sessions by inviting New England Friends to respond to a Call to Witness and participate in a Day of Discernment. A multi-committee group planned the events and they were held in Boston and Wellesley on April 22 and 23.

The Call to Witness/Day of Discernment Planning Group, which included several of us, gathered frequently by computer and phone. On the other hand, the Peace and Social Concerns Committee only met at the three Committee Days. Our time together was not enough to handle the planning of the April events, respond to requests from New England Yearly Meeting, and fulfill our responsibilities to New England Friends.

We feel a key role for the committee is to help Friends share their plans for and experiences in activities addressing our peace and social concerns. We have set up a website ([www.neymppeace.org](http://www.neymppeace.org)) and a Facebook page (NEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee) for this purpose, but not many Friends are aware of these resources. We are now trying to prepare for this year's Sessions, but find this to be challenging across such large distances. E-mails and conference calls are poor substitutes for sitting together.

In-person gatherings are so key to building community, but many feel reluctant to travel long distances when the cost of travel is high and the consumption of our scarce resources is a concern. However, communication over distances requires



access to technology which is limiting and unavailable for some. We hope Friends can focus on this issue and identify a way to make it easier for a NEYM committee to function as an active community.

— IAN HARRINGTON, CLERK

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### Puente de Amigos

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Last summer at YM Sessions we were blessed to have two Cuban Friends with us: Letticia Salcines of Havana MM and Marilyn Escalona of Bocas MM, two of the new Cuban monthly meetings. They participated in a Spanish-speaking anchor group, led early morning worship, visited youth programs, and had deep conversations with individuals and small groups. Marilyn and Letticia also visited with Friends in Framingham, Smith Neck/Dartmouth, Hartford, Northampton, Hanover, and Monadnock MMs. As a result of this visitation, Bocas and Havana are in the process of developing sister meetings with meetings in New England.

In February, 2011, Noah Baker Merrill (Put), Victoria Rhodin (Han), and Benigno Sanchez-Eppler (NHam) traveled in the ministry as representatives of NEYM to Cuba Yearly Meeting's annual sessions. Their time was full of spiritually transforming experiences and was also a blessing for Cuban Friends. This was the first time in over ten years that NEYM had reps at CYM's annual sessions. This Puente de Amigos trip was supported by a generous grant from the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund.

A new leading emerged from that visit. The Cuban young adult Friends have invited Puente to help organize a delegation of NEYM young adult Friends who have "a call to ministry" to come to their summer camp (August 2012). Also, several monthly meetings and individuals are considering possible travel to Cuba Yearly Meeting in the coming year. Recent changes in US policies will make religious travel to Cuba easier. However it is still very difficult for Cubans to obtain US visas. This summer the two Cuban Friends' delegates to the FUM Triennial (July, 2011) will also serve as representatives to NEYM Sessions. We are grateful to FUM for sharing them and are happy to work with FUM. *Si Dios lo permite* (if God permits), we expect to have Dikson Santiesteban, pastor of Puerto Padre, and Adela Gonzalez-Longoria, clerk of Gibara, with us at Sessions and for visitation at meetings.

We thank God for all the faithful Friends who are part of our Bridge of Love with Cuban Friends. We are grateful for those who host, translate, interpret, discern, nurture, coordinate, plan, and contribute financially. We ask for your prayers for more Friends who can help with our committee work to sustain and deepen our Puente de Amigos relationship.

— CYNTHIA GANUNG, CO-CLERK



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**Racial, Social, & Economic  
Justice Committee**

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**Asking**

I ask the earth: How does earth live with earth?  
—We honour each other.

I ask water: How does water live with water?  
—We fill each other up.

I ask the grass: How does grass live with grass?  
—We weave into one another, creating horizons.

I ask human: How does human live with human?  
I ask human: How does human live with human?  
I ask human: How does human live with human?

Huu Thinh

(Translated from Vietnamese by George Evans and Nguyen Qui Du)



—RACHEL CAREY-HARPER, CLERK

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**Sessions Committee**

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**Committee Challenges**

During the last two years, the themes that have arisen for our committee—first, *Jubilee*, and this year, *Called to Heal Our Broken Earth*—have pushed us to move away from the traditional Sessions program and structure. These have shifted to accommodate our new concerns for community involvement, and we have responded with small, daily anchor groups as well as shared community-wide plenaries. Through numerous evaluations, we know that most Friends are delighted with the new opportunities for sharing and worship; a smaller number would like to continue our old pattern of workshops and worship sharing groups.

The work we have done together has led to the development of a more flexible planning process, using “working groups” responsible for specific tasks to develop ideas and proposals for the discernment of the whole Sessions Committee. Currently both working groups and the traditional subcommittees coexist. We continue

to reach for the right balance between historical structures and newer planning strategies.

An experienced Yearly Meeting Friend has joined the committee to serve as our prayerful witness. At every meeting, she helps center us, reminding the group that we gather to seek God's guidance and grace for our work on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

#### Committee Membership

Sessions Committee members generally serve based on their responsibilities at Sessions and are therefore considered "ex officio." Nominating Committee also appoints at-large members as needed and requested by the clerk of Sessions Committee. This year we have had 33 "ex officio" members, four at-large, and five YAFS invited to the committee to assist with the development and implementation of this year's global climate change theme. With this large a pool of committee members, attendance at meetings has been much greater than in recent years. However, attendance inevitably shifts from meeting to meeting, providing challenges to coherent decision making and effective Quaker process.

#### Pending Committee Issues

**Mid-Year Sessions:** Historically, the Sessions Committee has been responsible for overseeing all aspects of Sessions other than Ministry and Counsel's oversight of our corporate worship and the clerk's table's care of our regular meetings for worship for the conduct of business. As the demands on time and activities at Sessions continue to grow, it seems clear that Yearly Meeting needs to continue to develop a vision and plan for a regular annual Mid-Year Sessions. The committee is prepared to play an active role in that process, and we hope we can make good use of many years of acquired information and planning skills.

**New Location For Yearly Meeting:** Next year, NEYM will have met at Bryant for 12 of the last 14 years. We have grown very comfortable there. However, we need to consider whether it is time to once again look around New England for alternative sites that could offer new challenges and new opportunities. We welcome suggestions from any of you.

—JEAN MCCANDLESS, CLERK

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### United Society of Friends Women New England

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This year has been an active year working on climate change—resonating with the theme of New England Yearly Meeting this year.

In the fall, we held a retreat at East Sandwich PM and had a sharing on the climate change queries received from The Friends World Committee for Consultation. We discussed evolving trends in organic farming, falling nutritional values of our foods and soil, concerns about water supply and bottled water, and increases in infections such as MRSA.

In the spring we gathered at Portland Meeting where three New England women shared on the topic of *Being Salt and Light, Living the Kingdom in a Broken World*. Ileana Matamoros (Fram), Mary Hopkins (Camb) and Judy Goldberger (B Hill) shared about their experiences of walking with legal and illegal immigrants in our midst and the challenges they and we face as we try to live the Kingdom.

We published two newsletters with articles written by a number of New England women, several of whom have been actively traveling overseas and some who are active in ministry locally.

We also raised funds for Amari Play Center in Ramallah and for Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya.

At Sessions this year we will be doing three things. Come join us!

- At 4:15 on Sunday, we plan to offer cake and have several women in costume acting out important women from our past as part of the 350<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of NEYM. Come celebrate with us.
- At 3:15 Tuesday afternoon, we will have a display at the Committee Fair, including a fun trivia game for all to try.
- At 4:15 Tuesday afternoon, we will hold a business session to plan our activities for the coming year. Come help us plan.

—MARIAN BAKER, CLERK

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### Young Adult Friends

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This year has been an active and vital one in the Young Adult Friend (YAF) community. Last year, we split the duties of our Ministry and Oversight between a Nurturing Committee (which cares for the emotional and spiritual needs of our community and the individuals within it) and a Planning Committee (which is responsible for the organizing and coordinating of community events, especially retreats). We are pleased to note that this change has made our committee work not only more focused and spirited but also more productive.

As is our custom, we came together three times between Yearly Meeting Sessions.

In the fall, 16 Friends gathered in Boston for a day of service and fellowship. We installed compost bins for the Beacon Hill Friends House, prepared care packages for new YAFs, feasted on delicious food, learned why salsa and holy water do not mix, and generally enjoyed each other's company.

As the new year dawned, 38 Friends came to Mount Toby Friends Meeting for our Midwinter retreat on the theme of Confronting Conflict Peacefully. Throughout the weekend Friends considered this topic through programming, activities, and conversation that engaged us and taught us new avenues of conflict management and resolution. Our guest speaker, Cliff Harrison, reminded us to engage in conflict in a well-researched manner, aware of our hypocrisies and biases, and to make sure to find the truth at the heart of the conflict. Friends from the Alternatives to Violence Project led us in exercises from their prison curriculum and discussed AVP's potential for nonviolently resolving conflicts.

During the Midwinter retreat, we formally created a YAF Climate Change Working Group. Initially growing from an e-mail conversation about climate change, this group is wrestling with our society's toxic exploitation of people and the planet, seeking guidance in forgiving ourselves for our complicity, in strengthening our community's ability to rise to this challenge, and in using our gifts to take concrete action. They are working towards preparing Friends to make our Sessions a productive inflection point on our journey towards a new kingdom in this world.

Just before the end of spring, 20 Friends gathered at Monadnock Meeting for a retreat about Young Adult Friends in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Through playing a game of *Jeopardy*, reading epistles and biographies, and writing skits, we learned a great deal about the amazing things that our demographic did in the past century on issues including women's suffrage, civil rights, conscientious objection, peace, reuniting

our own Yearly Meeting, preaching the Quaker message, and living simply and in community. Some YAFs spent half a day of the retreat at Quaker Spring, an annual cross-branch gathering of Friends. There we talked to many former YAFs who had been involved in some of the movements we had been discussing.

It's been an amazing year. As I reflect on it, I give thanks for our community's thoughtfulness, support, discernment, industry, ease, kindness, energy, many varied gifts, and rollicking good times. May we be blessed with more of all in the years ahead.

—BEN GUARALDI, CLERK

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### Young Friends

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This past year with Young Friends (YF) has been phenomenal. The way a group of teenagers create community whilst uplifting spirits never fails to inspire. YFs have really stepped up to actively include new members and embrace fellow Friends.

YFs has developed into such a natural group that some of the most remarkable parts of our functions go unnoticed. Young Friends genuinely stick together, work diligently to resolve conflicts, integrate freshman into our traditions, and remain inclusive. It is a testament to the trust in the group that Young Friends were able to host several clearness committees this past year.

Young Friends take time to listen and reflect during conversations and programs. This reflection time is so rare outside Quaker gatherings that it makes retreats a totally different experience. Young Friends are very affectionate, and make long-lasting friendships much faster than at any other social setting. By the time Sunday afternoon rolls in at our weekend retreats, Friends part with tears as if they've known each other forever, even though they've only just met.

The Young Friend community is an island in the storm. It is a place that nurtures and supports us, a haven where awkward adolescents embrace and grow into awesome adults. It is an oasis because Young Friends love each other, and express that love in a million ways. We truly are Friends.

—SHANI HINES, CLERK

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### Youth Programs

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Youth Programs throughout New England Yearly Meeting continue to be a place of joy.

Our youth gather at retreats and Sessions and enter a safe community surrounded by love. The youth retreat and Sessions coordinators plan programs that allow for honest questioning and joy filled games, where friendships are strengthened and Spirit is present.

Our committee has met several times and once in a “virtual” meeting as we all connected by phone. Our goal for all paid coordinators and volunteer staff to have had a background safety check by Yearly Meeting Sessions will be met. Seeing that our youth are safe—in all ways—continues to be our number one priority. It is the care in which the coordinators choose and screen their staff that has allowed us to surround our youth with nurturing, kind and soul filled adults.

Knowing that our future rests with these young Quakers, we encourage continued financial support from Yearly Meeting members and meetings.

Their presence is a gift.

—KARIN SPRAGUE, CLERK

## Directory of Committees and Appointees

### Officers & Staff

Presiding Clerk.....	Jacqueline Stillwell
Recording Clerks.....	Brian Drayton, Rebecca Leuchak
Reading Clerks.....	Beth Bussiere-Nichols, Will Jennings
Treasurer.....	Edward Mair
Accounts Manager.....	Frederick Martin
Archivist.....	Jodi Goodman
Religious Education Coordinator .....	Beth Collea
Communications Director/Office Manager ..	Jeffrey Hipp
Friends Camp Director .....	Nathaniel Shed
JYM/JHYM Retreat Coordinators.....	Kevin Lee, Gretchen Baker-Smith
Young Friends/YAF Coordinator.....	NiaDwynwen Thomas
Yearly Meeting Secretary .....	Jonathan Vogel-Borne

### Committees & Boards

Committee members are appointed to standing or ad hoc committees by NEYM in Sessions or by the Permanent Board. Ex officio persons serve on a committee by virtue of office or position. Co-opted persons serve on a committee at the request of its existing members. The Purposes & Procedures of the committees are printed in the Minute Book every three years.

No general appeals by any committee of the YM or by organizations of which we are a constituent part should be made directly to the members of the YM without prior approval of the Finance Committee, except those committees that have been previously authorized to do so: Equalization Fund, Racial Social & Economic Justice, Puente de Amigos, Friends Camp, Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Student Loan, Peace & Social Concerns (for the Fund for Sufferings), United Society of Friends Women—NEYM, and the Young Friends Committees. The cost of general solicitation by a committee will be charged against the proceeds of the solicitation when the proceeds do not benefit the YM operating budget. —MINUTE 1999-39 (7), amended by Permanent Board November 20, 2004.

### Permanent Board

**Purpose:** The Permanent Board serves as the Yearly Meeting's decision making body between Yearly Meeting Sessions. Its Purposes and Procedures are specified in *Faith and Practice*. Briefly, it implements decisions and policy made by Sessions. It also acts upon matters where, in the opinion of the Board, a decision cannot await Sessions. Otherwise, its role is to "season" issues which come to its attention, presenting recommendations to Sessions if appropriate. Sessions has given it oversight of the Yearly Meeting office and all personnel matters. It annually recommends senior staff to Sessions and is responsible for their supervision. It annually nominates the Yearly Meeting clerks and the at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

**Procedure:** The Board has the following subcommittees: Office Facilities Oversight, Clerk's Nominating, Internal Nominating, and Personnel. The Board creates additional ad hoc working groups as needed. It meets just before and just after Yearly Meeting Sessions and four times during the year. Its members are appointed for five years.

**Clerk:** Edward Baker (2012)

**2012:** Jennifer Baily, Holly Baldwin, Travis Belcher, Nancy Isaacs, Dwight Lopes, Sara Sue Pennell, Karen Sánchez-Eppler, Suzanna Schell

**2013:** Debbie Block, Susan Davies, Jeremiah Dickinson, Eric Edwards, Donald Mick, Robert Murray, C Jane Van Ledingham, Donn Weinholtz, Carl Williams

**2014:** Deana Chase, Mary L. Knowlton, Allan Kohrman, Christopher McCandless, Carolyn Stone, Philip Stone, Ruah Swennerfelt

**2015:** Aimee Belanger, Benjamin Guaraldi, Galen Hamann, Jan Hoffman, Rebecca Leuchak, Patricia Shotwell, Rosemary Zimmermann

**2016:** Sarah B. Gant, John Humphries, Sandy Isaacs, Bruce Neumann, Elias Sánchez-Eppler, Frederick Weiss

**Ex officio:** Eileen Cummings, Finance clerk; Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer; Jacqueline Stillwell, presiding clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary

### **PB: Clerks Nominating**

**PURPOSE:** The Clerks Nominating Committee recommends Friends to serve as presiding clerk, recording clerks, and reading clerks of New England Yearly Meeting. These recommendations are presented to Permanent Board. If Permanent Board approves them, they are passed on to Sessions for final action.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee acts as a support committee and sounding board for the presiding clerk, and, when requested to act as such, is available as a clearness committee.

**Clerk:** Allan Kohrman (2013)

**2012:** Christopher McCandless, Sara Sue Pennell

**2013:** Patricia Shotwell

**2014:** Debbie Humphries, Benigno Sánchez-Eppler

### **PB: Internal Nominating**

**PURPOSE:** The Internal Nominating Committee of Permanent Board proposes for nomination the clerk and recording clerk of the Permanent Board; people to serve on the standing committees of Permanent Board—Clerks Nominating, Office Facilities Oversight, Personnel, and Internal Nominating Committees; and, At-Large Members of the Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee. If requested, it also nominates people to serve on Permanent Board's and Yearly Meeting's ad hoc committees. Permanent Board acts upon these nominations.

**Clerk:** Donn Weinholtz (2012)

**2012:** Sarah B. Gant, Suzanna Schell

**2013:** Donald Mick, Karen Sánchez-Eppler

**2014:** Susan Davies

### **PB: Personnel**

**PURPOSE:** The Personnel Committee provides policy coordination for employees of the Yearly Meeting. It provides advice for the Yearly Meeting secretary on personnel issues and it receives the annual performance appraisals for all employees from the appropriate supervisors. Staff can appeal their annual appraisals to the Personnel Committee. Staff may bring unresolved grievances and concerns to the Personnel Committee. The committee makes recommendations to Permanent Board regarding personnel policies, job descriptions, salaries and benefits, and it forwards recommendations to Permanent Board on continuing staff employment.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee reports to the Permanent Board. Committee members are nominated by Permanent Board's Internal Nominating Committee and approved by Permanent Board. Committee members need not be members of the Permanent Board. The committee appoints its own clerk. The clerk is an ex officio member of Permanent Board. The committee meets four or five times during the year. The committee maintains a Personnel Policy Manual that includes its own practices as well as general Yearly Meeting employment practices which is available through the Yearly Meeting website. The committee ensures that the annual performance appraisal process is completed.

**Clerk:** Jennifer Baily (2012)

**2012:** Clifford Harrison, Theresa Oleksiw

**2013:** Rebecca Leuchak

**2014:** Dwight Lopes, Karen Sánchez-Eppler, Frederick Weiss

**2015:** Judith Shea

**Ex officio:** Edward Baker, Permanent Board clerk; Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary

### Committee on Aging

**PURPOSE:** The Committee on Aging is concerned with the needs of aging people and their caregivers and the ways New England Yearly Meeting, quarterly meetings, and individual monthly meetings can address those needs. It aims to increase awareness of the aging process, including its challenges and opportunities. Its role includes assisting Friends and the wider community to recognize, cherish and learn from the knowledge, wisdom and experiences of our more aged Friends.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee meets at Yearly Meeting Sessions and at times during the year as needed.

**Clerk:** Eleanor Cappa (2013)

**2012:** Mildred Roberts, Christina Smith, Mary Zwirner

**2013:** Anne Kriebel, Martha Schwope

**2014:** Debbie Colgan, Kathleen Koplik

### Archives & Historical Records

**PURPOSE:** The Archives and Historical Records Committee is responsible for the Archivist's care of records, correspondence, and other manuscript material entrusted to it by the yearly, quarterly, monthly and preparative meetings, Yearly Meeting committees, New England Friends Institutions, and individual members of the Yearly Meeting. The committee advises meetings on the care of their records, encourages both meetings and committees to deposit copies of these records in the Yearly Meeting archives on a regular basis. This is an aspect of our testimony of stewardship. Recognizing that Friends' faith is a non-creedal one, and that the expression of that faith is embodied in the records of our actions, the committee promotes the study of Quaker history to the end that Friends may find guidance in their past for their witness in the present. It encourages meetings to utilize the resources of the archives in answering their financial, property, biographical, or other questions historical in nature.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee appoints and supervises an archivist. By agreement, the repository for the records is the Rhode Island Historical Society Library, at 121 Hope Street, Providence, RI 02906. The committee meets at Sessions and usually on Committee Days.

**Clerk:** Mary Frances Angelini (2014)

**2012:** Samuel Baily, Nancy Slator, Alan Taplow

**2013:** Emily Neumann

**2014:** Clarence Burley, Marilyn Manzella

**Ex officio:** Jodi Goodman, archivist

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### Board of Managers of Investments & Permanent Funds

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**PURPOSE:** The Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds is responsible for the management and investment, consonant with Friends principles, of Yearly Meeting funds and funds entrusted to it by meetings, schools, and other Friends organizations for the purpose of maintaining a source of continuing income and growth of capital.

**PROCEDURES:** The Board uses the services of a professional investment advisor, and a sound bank as custodian for protection and safekeeping of the assets. It meets annually with representatives of its constituents to relate their needs to the investment strategy of the Board. It also meets bimonthly and more often as needed.

**Clerk:** Mark Orlowski (2012)

**Treasurer:** Brian Clark (2013)

**2013:** Robert Snyder

**2012:** Elizabeth Edgerly

**2014:** James Ellingboe, Andrew Pang

**2015:** Jeanne S. McKnight, Rowan Spivey

**2016:** Robb Spivey

**Ex officio:** C. Russell de Burlo, investment advisor; Edward Gerrish Mair, Yearly Meeting treasurer

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### Coordinating & Advisory

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**PURPOSE:** The Coordinating & Advisory Committee coordinates the work of Yearly Meeting committees and nurtures the clerks of Yearly Meeting committees and of monthly and quarterly meetings. It will conduct meetings or retreats for clerks at least once a year. The Coordinating & Advisory Committee is responsible for supervising and evaluating the work of the Yearly Meeting secretary, including the secretary's development and implementation of an annual work plan and a priorities budget for the coming fiscal year. When appropriate this Committee will refer matters to other persons or bodies for review and action. This committee should report on a regular basis the results of these activities to the Permanent Board.

**PROCEDURES:** This small committee consists of the Yearly Meeting clerk, the clerk of Permanent Board, the clerk of Ministry & Counsel, either the treasurer or the clerk of the Finance Committee, and the Yearly Meeting secretary. When appropriate this committee may meet without the presence of the Yearly Meeting secretary. The committee meets at least bimonthly. It meets with other Yearly Meeting clerks and staff people as appropriate. The Yearly Meeting clerk convenes and clerks the meetings. The committee will appoint one of its members to supervise the work of the Yearly Meeting secretary. At least once every three years the committee will solicit from various Yearly Meeting committees' recommendations for changes to the description of their respective committees that is in the Minute Book.



**Ex officio:** Edward Baker, Permanent Board clerk; Margaret Cooley, Ministry & Counsel clerk; Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer; Jacqueline Stillwell, presiding clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary

### Correspondence

**PURPOSE:** The Correspondence Committee's primary responsibility is the preparation of the New England Yearly Meeting's General Epistle. The committee also reviews epistles received from other yearly meetings and handles correspondence as directed, such as greetings to absent Friends.

**PROCEDURES:** Members of the committee should be in attendance throughout the Yearly Meeting Sessions. The committee meets often during the Sessions to prepare the "Epistle to Friends Everywhere" to be presented to the Yearly Meeting for approval. It also chooses which epistles from other yearly meetings should be read aloud at the Sessions.

**Clerk:** Martha Penzer (2013)

**2012:** Sheila Garrett

**2014:** Louis Cox, Nancy Marstaller

### Development

**PURPOSE:** The Development Committee works to ensure adequate funding for the vision, ministry, and administrative support of New England Yearly Meeting, by raising money from Friends.

**PROCEDURES:** Financial stability is intimately intertwined with the spiritual life and vitality of the Yearly Meeting as a corporate body. Thus development work in a spiritual community is rightly grounded in the nature of the Yearly Meeting as a web of relationships. A development strategy based on relationships requires that the Development Committee strive to listen to the various communities within the Yearly Meeting—monthly and quarterly meetings, individual members/attenders, Yearly Meeting committees, staff and others who feel connected to a specific aspect of our work. This committee, as distributed as possible from around the Yearly Meeting, will gather four to five times a year, to fashion and evaluate a development strategy. There is significant work done between meetings by committee members, communicating by personal visits, telephone conversations, electronic mail, fund appeal letters, newsletter articles, and other forms.

**Clerk:** Nancy Haines (2013)

**2012:** Maureen Lanam, Leslie Manning

**2013:** Martha Schwope

**2014:** Lucy Meadows

**Ex officio:** Jeffrey Hipp, communications director

### Earthcare Ministry Committee

**PURPOSE:** The Earthcare Ministry Committee encourages New England Yearly Meeting and its constituent monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, committees and staff to actions based on awareness that current rapid destruction of our planet and its fragile ecosystems is diametrically opposed to Quaker beliefs and values, and that

the Religious Society of Friends must take an active stand against these trends and practices, inseparable from our other activities.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee will help Friends to create a collective vision of how we can live peacefully and respectfully in the world, sharing finite goods with other inhabitants. It will work to identify specific actions that can turn this vision into reality, and help monthly meetings and other units of the Yearly Meeting to carry them out. As part of this mission, it will connect the Yearly Meeting with the national Quaker Earthcare Witness Committee (formerly Friends in Unity with Nature) by sharing information and calls to action. The committee also will encourage a growing awareness of global interconnections among social injustice, war, environmental harm, and the emphasis our society places on materialism and consumption.

**Clerk:** Kathryn Spindler-Virgin (2012)

**2012:** Christopher Haines, Jud Lee, Emily Mason, Rodman Zwirner

**2013:** Mary Gilbert, Meg Kidd, Phyllis Killam-Abell, Marcia Winters

**2014:** Mark Fraser, Tom Jackson, Bonner McAllester

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### Ecumenical Relations

**PURPOSE:** The Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee coordinates and encourages the involvement of Yearly Meeting Friends in State Councils of Churches and other ecumenical and interfaith bodies in the region.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee is made up of persons appointed to serve on the governing boards of the State Councils of Churches or equivalent bodies, plus the Yearly Meeting clerk and field secretary ex officio. Friends serving on Council committees or as staff are invited to meet with the committee. It meets at least once a year, at a time and place convenient to its members.

**Ex officio:** Jacqueline Stillwell, presiding clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary

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### Faith and Practice Revision

**PURPOSE:** The committee is charged with revising our 1985 *Faith and Practice*. It will also carry out the charge of the Dialogue Committee proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee to NEYM 2001 YM Sessions, namely to encourage “substantive engagement” with perennial issues essential to the spiritual health of our monthly, quarterly, and Yearly Meeting.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee meets for a full day nine times a year. It presents drafts of each chapter to YM Sessions and invites comments from committees, meetings, and individuals. It considers these comments and brings a revised draft to YM Sessions either for additional comment or for preliminary approval. When several chapters have received preliminary approval they will be presented as a unit to sessions for final approval. Its work will be completed upon final approval of all sections and the publication of the revised book. It welcomes input at any time from committees, meetings, and individuals.

**Clerk:** Jan Hoffman

**Members:** Doug Armstrong, Marion Athearn, David Coletta, Maggie Edmondson, Eric Edwards, Kristna Evans, Arthur Fink, Eleanor Godway, David Haines, Sara Hubner, Phebe McCosker, Susan Reilly

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### Finance

**PURPOSE:** (see *Faith and Practice*, page 231) 1. The Finance Committee each year considers proposals for appropriations and estimates what amount the Yearly Meeting needs to raise for its budget. It presents a proposed budget to the Yearly Meeting for action. 2. The committee arranges for an annual review of the accounts of the treasurer and of any committees, which have their own treasurers handling Yearly Meeting funds. 3. The committee makes recommendations about financial procedures of the Yearly Meeting.

**PROCEDURES:** 1. The Finance Committee consists of 15 members appointed by the Yearly Meeting, plus the Yearly Meeting treasurer *ex officio*. A member serves a three-year term and may be appointed to a second consecutive three-year term. 2. The Finance Committee is responsible for annually nominating to the Yearly Meeting a person to serve as treasurer. The Yearly Meeting secretary supervises the accounts manager. 3. The Yearly Meeting's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. By mid March, the Yearly Meeting secretary and Coordinating & Advisory Committee forward a Priorities Budget to the Finance Committee. The Priorities Budget outlines recommendations for changes in income and expenses to guide the Finance Committee in its budgeting process for the coming fiscal year. The Finance Committee prepares a proposed budget in the spring, presented to the May Permanent Board meeting for information and feedback, and after necessary revisions is presented to the Yearly Meeting in August for final action. In exceptional circumstances, the committee may present proposed amendments to the Permanent Board between Yearly Meeting Sessions. 4. The committee has oversight of policies regarding contributions, disbursements, and stewardship of Yearly Meeting operating funds, recommending policy changes and clarifications for action by the Permanent Board as need arises. 5. The committee provides oversight, advice and support to the Yearly Meeting treasurer and others responsible for sub-accounts within the Yearly Meeting operating funds. 6. The committee carries a concern for adequate support for the operating budget approved by the Yearly Meeting. The committee provides information, by letter and personal contacts, to individuals and monthly meetings concerning the Yearly Meeting budget, and actively encourages appropriate contributions and spiritually grounded financial stewardship. 7. The committee normally meets for a full day on NEYM Committee Days, and holds both a working meeting and one or more meetings at YM sessions. 8. The Finance Committee has a detailed procedures handbook that includes information on NEYM budget practices, contributory and restricted funds, and the committee's procedures. Copies are available from the NEYM office.

**Clerk:** Eileen Cummings (2013)

**2012:** Gregory Melville, Patricia Shotwell, Peter Swaszek, Thomas Vargo

**2013:** Patricia Hogan, Carole Rein, Roland Stern, Shearman Taber

**2014:** Brianna Clark, Jeremiah Dickinson, Maria Lamberto, Dave Sutton

**Ex officio:** Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer; Frederick Martin, accounts manager

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### Friends Camp

**PURPOSE:** The Friends Camp Committee has oversight of the Friends Camp program. It makes recommendation to the Personnel Committee of the Permanent Board for the Camp Director. It is responsible for the development and management of the property, as directed by the Yearly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting Finance Committee reviews its books annually. The Friends Camp Committee also has two sub-committees. The

Executive Committee consists of the clerk, the recording clerk, the treasurer, the Camp director's advisor, and the Camp director. The primary function of this sub-committee is to address needs which may arise between regularly scheduled committee meetings. The Personnel Committee consists of the advisor, the treasurer, and at least one other person. The primary function of this sub-committee is to evaluate the job performance of the Camp director.

**PROCEDURES:** Members of the committee are encouraged to visit the Camp, assist the director in recruitment, in developing program and policy, and in obtaining financial support. The committee meets on some Committee Days, occasionally at the Camp, and at other times as needed. The committee appoints its own treasurer.

**Co-clerk Clerk:** David L. Marstaller (2012), Laura Street, (2013)

**2012:** Elizabeth Muench, Betsy Kantt

**2013:** Emily Kelsey, Steve Knight, Anne MacMichael

**2014:** Joann Clark Austin, Kathleen Bammer, Travis Belcher, Matthew Freytag

**Co-opted:** Tricia Erikson, Kate Fussner

**Ex officio:** Nathaniel Shed, Camp director

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#### Friends General Conference Committee

**PURPOSE:** Friends General Conference exists to serve and support the spiritual life of its affiliated yearly and monthly meetings and the spiritual growth of their members. The Friends General Conference Committee interprets New England Yearly Meeting and its needs to Friends General Conference and the resources and needs of Friends General Conference to the Yearly Meeting.

**PROCEDURES:** Members are expected to attend the annual Central Committee meeting in late October or fall of each year and to serve on one of its program or administrative committees. These committees meet in various locations, often in the Mid-Atlantic States, on one to three occasions during the year. The committee meets during FGC Central Committee to name its representative to FGC Executive Committee, at NEYM annual sessions, and at other times as needed.

**Clerk:** Penelope Wright (2012)

**2012:** Drew Thilmany

**2013:** Elise Person

**2014:** Frank Gatti, David Rush

**Ex officio:** Edward Baker, Permanent Board clerk; Jacqueline Stillwell, presiding clerk

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#### Friends United Meeting Committee

**PURPOSE:** Friends United Meeting is an international body of yearly meetings that "commits itself to energize and equip Friends through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved and obeyed as Teacher and Lord." (FUM purpose statement, 1993). FUM is organized to implement programs of outreach, publications and ministry. New England Yearly Meeting has been a member of Friends United Meeting (formerly Five Years Meeting of Friends) since its founding in 1902. NEYM's FUM Committee has care of Yearly Meeting's relationship with FUM. In fulfilling this role, its work includes seasoning items of business on FUM's agenda, bringing proposals to the General Board as appropriate, reporting to the Yearly Meeting on the Triennial and other items of interest, bringing proposals

to the Yearly Meeting related to FUM and its business, interpreting FUM to the Yearly Meeting and New England Friends to FUM, and coordinating with the FGC and FWCC committees in areas of common interest.

**PROCEDURES:** New England Yearly Meeting names representatives to FUM's General Board, Nominating Committee, Triennial Program Committee, Triennial Sessions, Triennial Nominating Committee and Triennial New Business Committee according to a formula set forth in FUM's Organization and Procedure. NEYM's FUM Committee consists of all these representatives, plus any New England Friends who serve FUM under General Board appointment, who are thus co-opted members of the committee. Terms of appointment for General Board representatives coincide with FUM's three year triennium, with service to FUM beginning at the first meeting of the General Board following the Triennial, but with membership on the committee beginning at the Yearly Meeting Sessions closest to the Triennial. Triennial representatives are appointed at the Yearly Meeting preceding the Triennial and begin service on the committee at that time. They then continue on the committee until the beginning of the next Triennial (4 years). The committee meets at Yearly Meeting and throughout the year to conduct its business. The committee clerk or other designated FUM committee member serves as liaison to the Puente de Amigos Committee.

**Clerk:** Frederick Martin (2014)

**2014:** Ann Dodd-Collins, Susan Klein-Berndt, Christopher McCandless, Elizabeth Muench, Macci Schmidt, Carl Williams, Hannah Zwirner, Leslie Manning, Jay Smith

**General Board:** Leslie Manning, Jay Smith, Jonathan Vogel-Borne

#### **Friends World Committee for Consultation Committee**

**PURPOSE:** The NEYM committee of Friends World Committee for Consultation brings together those representing NEYM in the work of FWCC, and promotes and interprets FWCC's work within the Yearly Meeting. As a consultative body made up of yearly meetings and other Quaker bodies across the globe, FWCC encourages fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends that connects Friends, crosses cultures, and changes lives. It brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world. FWCC's work includes representing Friends' concerns at the United Nations, with offices in New York (administered by American Friends Service Committee) and Geneva, and affiliated programs such as Friends Peace Teams, Right Sharing of World's Resources, and Friends Committee on Scouting. The NEYM Committee hosts a regional gathering every fourth year for Friends from New York, New England, Philadelphia, and eastern Canadian Yearly Meetings. It facilitates visits within New England of Friends from other parts of the world, including cooperating with Puente de Amigos. It promotes programs of the Section of the Americas such as the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage and Wider Quaker Fellowship.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee meets during Yearly Meeting Sessions and several times during the year, usually on Committee Days. The committee designates six of its members to represent NEYM at annual meetings of FWCC/Section of the Americas. Some of these representatives also serve on Section committees. The committee recommends delegates to represent NEYM at periodic worldwide FWCC meetings.

**Clerk:** Dorothy Grannell (2013)

**2012:** Ann Armstrong, Marian Baker, Laurel Swan

**2013:** Cynthia Ganung, Andrew Grannell, Hal Weaver

**2014:** Mary Hopkins, Noah Baker Merrill

**Co-opted:** Elizabeth Cazden, Benigno Sánchez-Eppler, Jonathan Vogel-Borne

#### **FWCC Section of the Americas Representatives**

**2012:** Laurel Swan, Cynthia Ganung

**2013:** Hal Weaver, Dorothy Grannell

**2014:** Mary Hopkins, Noah Baker Merrill

**Alternates:** Ann Armstrong, Andrew Grannell

#### **2012 World Conference of Friends**

**Delegates:** Ben Guaraldi, Noah Baker-Merrill, Hal Weaver, Dorothy Grannell, Cynthia Ganung, Laurel Brill Swan

**Alternates:** Jeff Hipp, Frederick Martin, Andrew Grannell, Debbie Humphries, Marian Baker, Margaret Hawthorn

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### **Ministry & Counsel**

**PURPOSE:** The Ministry & Counsel Committee endeavors to be responsive to leadings of the Spirit throughout the Yearly Meeting. It responds to concerns brought to it from monthly and quarterly meetings, and from Yearly Meeting and its committees, as well as acting on its own initiative and leadings. It is tasked with fostering the spiritual growth and strengthening the religious life of Friends by nurturing local meetings and individuals, promoting intervisitation and communication among meetings, maintaining contact with and support for Friends traveling in the ministry within New England and with others working in public ministry, overseeing meetings for worship and nurturing worship in general at Yearly Sessions, receiving state of society reports from monthly and quarterly meetings and drafting the Yearly Meeting State of Society Report, and caring and praying for the spiritual condition of the Society. The committee serves as a resource on spiritual life and ministry. It attempts to model through its work what Spirit-led action may be, with an emphasis on waiting worship and on prayer. The Committee on Ministry & Counsel is described in the book of *Faith and Practice*.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee consists of at least one representative designated by each monthly meeting, frequently on recommendation of the monthly meeting Ministry & Counsel, plus 12 at-large persons appointed by the Yearly Meeting on recommendation of its Nominating Committee, plus all recorded ministers, pastors, Friends in Residence, the presiding clerk of Yearly Meeting, the clerk of Sessions Committee, and the Yearly Meeting secretary. Monthly meeting representatives to this committee are appointed for one- to three-year terms, for a recommended maximum of six consecutive years. Meetings are encouraged to designate a “contact person” if they are unable to find someone willing and able to attend, and small adjacent meetings may make a joint appointment. Ministry & Counsel begins its working year at Yearly Meeting Sessions with an organizational meeting. It holds four or more all-day Saturday meetings separate from Yearly Meeting Committee Days. Visitors are welcome. One or more of these meetings may be a weekend retreat. It may also sponsor retreats and workshops open to anyone during the year around New England.

**Clerk:** Margaret Cooley (Rep)

**2012:** Margaret Hawthorn, Debbie Humphries, Byron Parrish, Wendy Sanford

**2013:** Elizabeth Claggett-Borne, Bain Davis, Clifford Harrison, Will Jennings

**2014:** Noah Baker Merrill, Susan Vargo, Kathleen Wooten

**Ex officio:** Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary; Margaret Cooley, director, Woolman Hill; Jean McCandless, Sessions Clerk; Jacqueline Stillwell, presiding clerk

**MM reps:** Stephen Perrin (Aca), Jennifer Burgin (Act), Susan Micus (Ames), June Goodband (BGlov), Sarah H. Spencer (B Hill), Lucinda Selchie (Belf), Bain Davis (Ben), (Brun), Jeanne Plo (Bur), Cornelia Parkes (Camb) Alice St. Clair (Cobs), Sara Menis Smith (Con), (Dov), (Farm), Constance Bair-Thompson (Fram), Cornelia Parkes (Camb), Frances C Brokaw (Han), Debbie Humphries (Hart), William Walker (Keen), Christine Holden (Lew), Jeff Van Wagenen (Lit), Connie Comfort (Midt), (Mon), Margaret Cooley (MTob), Thayer Quoos (NHav), Joan Warren (N Lon), (NSan), Kristna Evans (NSho), Susan Vargo (Nham), Ken Hamilton (Oxf), Kate Potter (Port), Noah Baker Merrill (Put), Beth Gorton (QCU), Rhoda E. Mowry (Smith), Joy Pile (SStar), Bruce Kay (Stor), Sharon Salmon (Vass), Brian Drayton (Weare), Esther Wheeler (Well), Ann Dodd-Collins (Wint), Katie Green (Worc)

#### **Pastors and Friends in Residence**

**Allen's Neck MM/Sandwich QM**..... Charlie Morse

**Friends Meeting at Cambridge/Salem QM**..... John M. Bach (interim)

**Dartmouth at Smith Neck MM/Sandwich QM**..... Eric Wasileski

**Durham MM/Falmouth QM**..... Daphne Clement

**North Fairfield MM/Vassalboro QM** ..... Michael Trombley

**Smithfield MM/RI-Smithfield QM**..... -open-

**Winthrop MM/Vassalboro QM** ..... Maggie Edmondson

**Windham MM/Falmouth QM** ..... Janice Gibson

#### **Recorded Ministers**

**Dover QM:** Marian K. Baker, Brian Drayton

**Falmouth QM:** James R. Douglas, Janice Gibson, Ralph Greene, Edwin Hinshaw, Carol Marshburn, Clarabel Marstaller, Michael Wozich

**Northwest QM:** Bain Davis, Stewart Krikaldy

**RI-Smithfield:** Pieter Byhouwer, Marnie Miller-Gutsell

**Salem QM:** Hugh Barbour, Margaret Benefiel

**Sandwich QM:** Wallen Bean, Frederick J Chase, Eric Hill Edwards, Kevin Lee

**Vassalboro QM:** Paul Cates, Alice Hildebrand, Evangeline Hoffmann, Lelia Taylor

#### **Traveling Ministries & Intervisitation Subcommittee**

**Clerk:** Brian Drayton

**Members:** Jeremiah Dickinson, Beth Gorton, Clifford Harrison, Debbie Humphries, Rebecca Leuchak, Noah Baker Merrill, Kathleen Wooten

#### **Working Party on Racism**

**Clerk:** Cornelia Parkes

#### **Working Party on Spirituality & Sexual Ethics**

**Clerk:** Leslie Manning

**Asst Clerk:** Jessica Hipp

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**Moses Brown School**


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**Head of School:** Matt Glendinning

**Director Friends Education:** Galen Hamann

**Friends Staff Liaison:** Erik Wilker

**Moses Brown School Board**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this committee is to strengthen the Quaker faith and practice of Moses Brown School. The work of this committee shall be concerned with nurturing the spiritual base of the School, strengthening the spiritual relationship between New England Yearly Meeting and the School, and helping to ensure that Quaker education at the School not only continues but thrives. The committee shall work with NEYM monthly and quarterly meetings to identify qualified children of Quaker families who may wish to attend Moses Brown School and will support those students who are admitted by the school.

**PROCEDURES:** This committee shall be the joint responsibility of the Moses Brown Board and New England Yearly Meeting. Members of the committee will be appointed by the respective nominating committees of each Board. There will be 12 regularly appointed members and two ex officio members. Six members will be appointed by New England Yearly Meeting, and one ex officio position filled by either the clerk of NEYM, or the clerk of Permanent Board. Six members appointed by the Moses Brown Board will include the Head of School, and the Director of Friends Education. In addition the clerk of the MB Board will be an ex officio member. Terms that are not designated by position will be for three years with one reappointment before a committee member should step down for at least one year. After an initial period of adjustment, these terms will rotate so there will be a "class" of appointees for each year. The clerk of this committee will be appointed by NEYM Permanent Board, with recommendation of the committee. There will be no less than five meetings scheduled during the year with the beginning meeting held at Sessions in August. Meetings shall normally be open meetings with the schedule approved at the beginning of each yearly cycle. Meeting dates will be available on the committee website. Executive sessions may be called when appropriate. Reports will be made regularly to both NEYM Permanent Board and Moses Brown's Board, with a minimum of two reports per year. Reports will provide an overview of how the committee is fulfilling its goals for each year. The committee will take responsibility for supporting and monitoring Friends education at MB on an ongoing basis, including a role in orienting the school to Quaker business practice. They will participate in the once-every-ten-year accreditation of the school focusing on the Quaker component and spiritual life of the school. These accreditation studies and any suggested remediation will be reported to Permanent Board.

**Clerk:** Habib Y. Gorgi

**Asst. Clerk:** Sheri Sweitzer

**Recording Clerk:** Carol Smith

**Treasurer:** Katharine Hazard Flynn

**Friends Coordinator:** Martha Schwope

**2012:** Emily Lowm Boenning, Ted Fischer, Robert Mann, Willis Monroe, Stephanie Preston, James Reavis, Cynthia Reik, Martha Schwope, E. Paul Sorensen, Blair Stambaugh, Sheri Sweiter, Reza Teleghani, Elizabeth Zimmerman

**2013:** John Barrett, David Holdt, Lee Jaspers, Betsy Morse, Dieter Pohl

**2014:** Frederick Martin, Carol Smith, Steven Tripp

**2015:** Donald McNemar



**Committee for Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School**

**Clerk:** Elizabeth Zimmerman (2013)  
**2012:** Debbie Block, Frederick Martin  
**2013:** Michael McGuigan, Willis Monroe  
**2014:** Martha Pott  
**Co-Opted:** MJ Kaplan, Neal Pandozzi

**Yearly Meeting Nominating**

**PURPOSE:** The Nominating Committee nominates persons to serve on the committees and boards of the Yearly Meeting.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee meets during the Yearly Meeting Sessions and during the year, usually on Committee Days. The committee seeks to identify individuals with recognized or potential gifts that are needed by the committees in New England Yearly Meeting. The committee consists of those persons designated by their monthly meetings for the purpose, together with up to 12 at-large members appointed by the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting. Nominating Committee has its own written guidelines and is also described in *Faith and Practice*.

**Co-clerks:** Patricia Higgins (Rep), Christopher McCandless (2012)

**Recording clerk:** Delia Windwalker (Co-opted)

**2012:** Constance Kincaid-Brown, Adam Kohrman

**2013:** James Lyons, Rhoda Mowry, Bonnie Norton

**2014:** Helen Rachel Carpenter, Peter Colby

**Meeting reps:** June Goodband (BGlov), , Christopher McCandless (Bur), Peter Colby (Fram), Patricia Higgins (Han), Ralph B Gentile (Law), Jeff Van Wagenen (Lit), James Lyons (MTob), William Walkauskas (NHav), Virginia Bainbridge (NLon), Elizabeth Zimmerman (Prov), Ann Marsh Prentice (Sand), Bonnie Norton (Well)

**Peace & Social Concerns**

**PURPOSE:** The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is charged with giving leadership in thought and program for the Yearly Meeting with regard to Friends' testimony as it relates to peace and social concerns. It educates Friends on matters of personal faith in its relation to the peace of the world. It encourages and supports public witness on Friends' concerns for peace and justice. It is committed to help alleviate hardships that arise because of such witness. The committee also oversees the Fund for Sufferings, which lends material support to Friends who may suffer because of their faithfulness to our testimony.

**PROCEDURES:** On occasion, and only when consistent with a minute previously approved by New England Yearly Meeting, the committee may act or speak to the community at large on behalf of concerns of Friends in New England Yearly Meeting. The committee may also speak or act in the name of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting, after minuted approval by the P&SC Committee. Any such minute is to be consistent with deeply held Friends' beliefs as generally affirmed by New England Yearly Meeting Friends. The committee meets several times a year: at Yearly Meeting Sessions, on Committee Days, and sometimes at other meetings, retreats, and workshops. It plans workshops and other educational activities and provides information on issues and related activities, including those

within other organizations, for Friends during Yearly Meeting Sessions and at other times during the year.

**Clerk:** Ian Harrington (2012)

**2012:** Jane Johnson, Stephen McKnight, Mehmet Rona, Lillie Wilson

**2013:** Barbara Dakota, Philip Mayer

**2014:** Erbin Crowell, Scot Drysdale, Katherine Fisher, Patti Muldoon, Paula Rossvall

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### Publications & Communications

**PURPOSE:** The Publications & Communications Committee (PubCom) has care for and supervision of the “public face” that NEYM shows the world on the Internet and in print. The committee provides advice and support to staff, sessions and Yearly Meeting committees on technical aspects of communications and publication. It supports the Communications Director in his/her role as manager of the web site ([www.neym.org](http://www.neym.org)), publisher of the annual Minute Book, and the New England Friend and manager of data and communications for the Yearly Meeting. The committee develops policies relating to the use of electronic communication and the management of Yearly Meeting data. Publications & Communications Committee has responsibility for the Mosher Book & Tract Fund which provides funding for publishing and distributing books and tracts promoting the principles of Quaker faith and practice. It may undertake publication and distribution projects. It is also responsible for deciding whether to maintain NEYM’s membership in Quakers Uniting in Publications (QUIP), and if so, providing a representative.

**PROCEDURES:** The Publications & Communications Committee is made up of nine Friends appointed by the Nominating Committee of NEYM in three panels with three-year terms. The committee meets four times a year or as needed. The committee is accountable to NEYM through its annual report and the published materials that it oversees. The committee will, from time to time, distribute books or other materials without charge to meetings in NEYM. On occasion, it helps financially with printing, reprinting, or distributing existing material to meetings. If a committee of NEYM wants help with or discernment about publication, PubCom can provide counsel and/or technical, logistical, production and distribution support. This committee should maintain a general record of the various publications and media produced within NEYM.

**Clerk:** Neil Blanchard (2013)

**2012:** Sarah Spencer

**2013:** David McNab, Emily Taber

**2014:** Brian Quirk

**Ex officio:** Jeffrey Hipp, communications director

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### Puente de Amigos

**PURPOSE:** Our sister relationship with Cuba Yearly Meeting is an important part of the religious life of New England Yearly Meeting, a ministry to which we feel corporately called. Cuban Quakers are our dear sisters and brothers, despite differences in culture, language, and political and economic systems. Puente de Amigos (Bridge of Friends) Committee was established by New England Yearly Meeting in 1991 to foster this spiritual relationship, based on

mutual respect and equality. Its primary task is to arrange for exchanges of religious visitors between the two yearly meetings. To encourage closer relationships some monthly meetings in Cuba Yearly Meeting have been paired with sister meetings in New England Yearly Meeting.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee plans visits by New England Friends to Cuba and invites Cuba Yearly Meeting to send visitors to New England Yearly Meeting Sessions. It provides Spanish interpretation at NEYM Sessions. When possible, it also invites Cuban Friends who are in the United States on other business to visit New England. It arranges for Cuban travelers to visit local meetings and other Friends activities. The committee maintains good communication and cooperation with other Friends organizations that are interested in Cuban Friends. It raises funds to cover costs involved in religious visitation between our two yearly meetings, and for material assistance such as medicine, eyeglasses, and other needs identified by Cuban Friends. Puente de Amigos has an Executive Committee that makes needed decisions between committee meetings. There is also an Orientation and Discernment Committee that works with Friends interested in travel to Cuba and brings recommendations to the full committee for the people to be sent to Cuba as representative of New England Yearly Meeting. The committee maintains close cooperation with the New England Friends United Meeting Committee, the New England Friends World Committee for Consultation Committee and New England Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel. The full committee meets for business approximately six times during the year, including meetings at Yearly Meeting Sessions and sometimes at Committee Days, and organizes retreats from time to time. Our programmed and unprogrammed worship may include singing, Bible reading, and vocal prayer as we invite God's presence to guide us. Intervisitation pushes us to seek guidance in the traditions of elders and of travel in the ministry, and to wrestle with emotional topics such as the balance between truth-speaking and confidentiality, and the implications of our material wealth for our relationship to beloved Friends who have less economic resources. Interested Friends are always welcome to attend committee meetings, whether or not they speak Spanish.

**Clerk:** Samuel Baily (2012), Cynthia Ganung, (2012)

**Recording Clerk:** Margaret Hawthorn (2012)

**2013:** Susan Furry, Sarah Marter, Victoria Rhodin

**2014:** Abigail Adams, Roland Stern, Frederick Weiss

**Co-opted:** Benigno Sánchez-Eppler, Executive Committee

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### Quaker Youth Education

**PURPOSES:** The goal of the Quaker Youth Education Committee is to help the Yearly Meeting's children and youth: build personal foundations of Quaker history, practice, and belief, Christian education, and comparative religion; find effective ways to witness to their Quaker beliefs in the world; and become spiritually resilient in a complex and changing society. In order to accomplish this goal, the Quaker Youth Education Committee will: promote spirit-based, well-organized children's religious education programs throughout the Yearly Meeting, offering particular help to smaller Meetings; nurture families and others with an interest in supporting children's and adolescent spiritual development; and foster inclusion of children and youth in the life of the Meeting.

**PROCEDURES:** Specifically, the committee will: collaborate with YM Christian Education staff, support the Christian Education Lending Library, share resources and curricula, present workshops, and collaborate with others whose work affects children and youth in the Yearly Meeting. The Quaker Youth Education Committee will meet at Sessions, Committee Days, and for other planned activities.

**Clerk:** Virginia Rae Schonwald (2013)

**2012:** Pam Cole, Kathryn Cranford, Jana Noyes

**2013:** Dimity Peter

**2014:** Priscilla Ewen, Tom Libby, Linda Miller

**Ex officio:** Beth Collela, Religious education coordinator

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### Racial Social & Economic Justice

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**Clerk:** Rachel Carey-Harper (2014)

**2012:** Keith Harvey, Sarah Walton, William Woodward, Martha Yager

**2013:** Katherine W. Brown, Anita Mendes, James Varner

**2014:** John Blanchard, Sarah Curwood, LouAnne McDonald

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### Sessions Committee

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**PURPOSE:** The Sessions Committee is responsible for planning the annual Yearly Meeting Sessions, together with the presiding clerk, who has special care of the business sessions.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee meets three or four times during the 12-month period between annual Sessions to plan the overall schedule and program. Within this overall structure, sub-committees and working groups are charged with planning specific elements of the program. Detailed guidelines for a broad range of Sessions responsibilities are reviewed and revised as necessary by the committee.

*Sessions Committee is comprised mostly of ex-officio positions based on people's formal roles during the NEYM Annual Sessions. The committee clerk, recording clerk, and four at-large positions are filled by the Nominating Committee. Ministry & Counsel names at least one member to attend Sessions Committee meetings and assist with planning.*

**Clerk:** Jean McCandless (2012)

**At-large:** Lynn Taber (2012), Lise Wagner (2012), Diane Weinholtz (2013)

**Co-opted:** Deana Chase, Prayerful Witness; Marion Baker, USFW Clerk; Christopher McCandless

**Access needs coordinator:** Jana Noyes

**AV Coordinator:** Neil Blanchard

**Bookstore Coordinator:** Ginny Bainbridge

**Bookstore assistant coordinators:** Don and Judi Campbell

**Children's nookstore manager:** Karen Sargent

**Childcare coordinator:** Kimberly Walker-Gonçalves

**Communications Director:** Jeffrey Hipp

**Equalization Coordinator:** James Varner

**Housing coordinator:** Josiah Erickson

**JHYM retreat coordinator:** Gretchen Baker-Smith

**JYM coordinator:** Elizabeth Lee

**Family Pastoral Counselor:** Kevin Lee

**Ministry & Counsel Reps:** Sarah Smith, Susan Vargo

**Presiding clerk:** Jacqueline Stillwell

**Reading clerks (invited):** Beth Bussiere-Nichols, Will Jennings,

**Recording clerks (invited):** Brian Drayton, Rebecca Leuchak

**Sessions coordinator:** Jonathan Vogel-Borne (Yearly Meeting Secretary)

**Sessions on-site coordinator:** Richard Frechette

**Shuttle coordinator:** Barbara Dakota

**Volunteer coordinator:** Betty Poynton

**Young Adult Friends clerk:** Benjamin Guaraldi

**Young Friends clerk:** Diana Kelly

**YF/YAF coordinator:** NiaDwynwen Thomas

**Youth Programs clerk:** Karin Sprague

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### Student Loan

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**PURPOSE:** The Student Loan Committee administers loans from a revolving fund which was set up by New England Yearly Meeting in 1890. Scholarship grants may be made when funds are available. Loans or grants are intended to aid students pursuing a college or a graduate degree or certification program. It welcomes gifts or bequests for these purposes.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee develops application and payment procedures. An effort is made to have a representative from each quarterly meeting on the committee in order that need may be properly assessed. It meets at Yearly Meeting Sessions and at the call of its clerk.

**FROM NEYM MINUTE 2011-46:** The Nominating Committee is not recommending new appointments to the Student Loan Committee, and has asked the two current members to bring to Permanent Board a recommendation about whether the committee should continue, or be laid down.

**Clerk:** Kenneth Hoffman (2012)

**2012:** Marcia Mason

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### United Society Friends Women

**PURPOSE:** This group is the New England branch of the USFWI (United Society of Friends Women International). Its purposes are to unite all Friends women in Christian fellowship and to support New England women who feel called to serve in Christian ministry or missions. USFWI encourages stewardship and support of missions and tries to stimulate spiritual development among women in the Yearly Meeting. It supports local women's societies and supports mission and service work in the United States and abroad. It also encourages women to attend the USFW International Triennials.

**PROCEDURES:** This chapter meets three times a year (not on Committee Day). Fall and spring meetings are held at different local meetings and consist of a program, lunch, worship/devotions, and business meeting. At Sessions they offer a program open to all on Sunday afternoon followed by a brief business meeting. They also send out a newsletter three times a year keeping members informed of activities and opportunities. Officers of USFW are chosen by its membership, and not nominated by NEYM.

**Presiding clerk:** Marian Baker

**Assistant presiding clerk:** Dorothy Hinshaw

**Recording clerk:** Dorothy Grannell

**Treasurer:** Ann Armstrong

**Adult missionary secretary:** Eden Grace

**Historian:** Clarabel Marstaller;

**Literature secretary:** Sarah Marter

**Children & youth secretary:** Susan Rice

**Environmental stewardship secretary:** Ruah Swennerfelt

**Nominating committee:** Muriel Farrar, Marian Baker

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### Youth Programs

**PURPOSE:** The Youth Programs Committee oversees Yearly Meeting-level youth retreats, which may include elementary through post-high school ages, as well as youth programs and services at Yearly Meeting Sessions, which include infants through high school age youth.

**PROCEDURES:** The committee provides advice, support, and oversight to program and retreat coordinators and recruits those coordinators when necessary. The committee supports the coordinators by advocating for youth and assisting in staff recruitment and opportunities for training, and receives from them summary/evaluation and financial reports. The committee also provides a clerk for the Sessions Committee Youth Activities Subcommittee. It deals with any concerns and issues that arise from the youth programs, serving as an advisory council for staff, parents, and participants.

**Clerk:** Karin Sprague (2013)

**2012:** Eileen Johnson, Martha McManamy

**2013:** Richard Lindo

**2014:** Emily Edwards, Adam Kohrman

**Ex Officio:** Gretchen Baker-Smith, JHYM coordinator; Elizabeth Lee, Sessions JYM coordinator; Kevin Lee, JYM coordinator; Kimberly Walker-Gonçalves, Sessions childcare coordinator; NiaDwynwen Thomas, YF/YAF coordinator

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**YAF Planning Committee (2011)**

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**Clerk:** Hilary Burgin

**Members:** Adam Kohrman, Michael Wood, Hannah Monroe, Kate Bonner-Jackson, Peter Cook

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**YAF Nurturing Committee (2011)**

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**Members:** Kieran Brackbill, Christine Little, Will Jennings, Chloe Grubbs-Saleem, Anne Marie-Witzburg

**Ex Officio:** Ben Guaraldi, YAF clerk, NiaDwynwen Thomas, YAF coordinator, Russell Weiss-Irwin, YAF recording clerk

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**Young Friends Ministry and Counsel (2011)**

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**Co-Clerks:** Phoebe Hogue-Rodley & James Rider

**Members:** Quinn McCarthy Beaver, Caleb MartinMooney, Hannah Baker, Zoe Young

**Ex Officio:** Diana Kelly, YF clerk; Katie Wood, YF recording clerk

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**Appointments to Other Friends Organizations**

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**American Friends Service Committee**

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Samuel Baily (2012), Ghanda DiFiglia (2013), Noah Baker Merrill (2014)

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**Friends Committee on National Legislation.**

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**2012:** William Sweet, Kaj Telenar

**2013:** Scot Drysdale, Katherine Fisher

**2014:** Donn Weinholtz

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**Friends Peace Team Projects**

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Jessica Hipp, Nancy Shippen

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**Quaker Earthcare Witness**

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Rod Zwirner

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**William Penn House**

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Will Jennings

## Directory of Meetings

*This directory is for the use of members of New England Yearly Meeting, its constituent local meetings, and organizations with which the Yearly Meeting has formal affiliation, to enable them to conduct the business of these groups. It is not to be used for commercial purposes or for publicity, marketing, recruiting, or fund-raising. —Permanent Board Minute #9 August 8, 1992*

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### Notes on Using This Directory

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Monthly meetings are listed alphabetically by quarterly meetings. Worship groups and preparative meetings are listed under the monthly meeting with which they are affiliated. If you have questions about the kinds of accessibility a meeting might have, please contact the meeting directly.

The address listed as “Mailing address” is the preferred address of the meeting. For some types of correspondence, the most current mailing information may be obtained from the Yearly Meeting office. The “meeting email” is a permanent meeting email address maintained by the YM office that automatically forwards to the current meeting contact person.

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**FM Friends Meeting:** same as a monthly meeting (MM)

**MM Monthly Meeting:** meeting weekly for worship and monthly for business (see individual listings for particulars that may vary for each meeting)

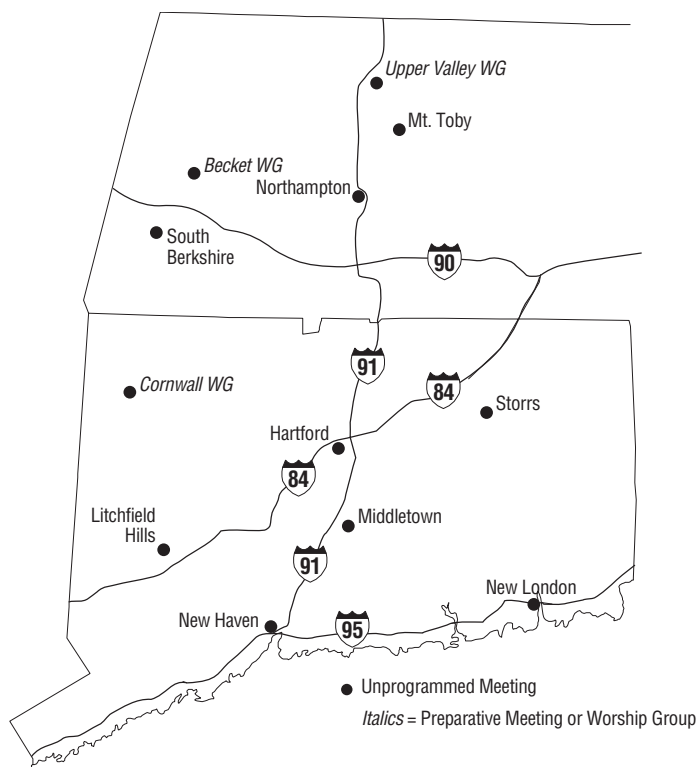
**PM Preparative Meeting:** meetings that meet weekly for worship, usually preparing to become a MM, except on Cape Cod where the three PM's are the constituent parts of Sandwich MM

**QM Quarterly Meeting:** a group of monthly meetings that gets together for worship, business, and sometimes a program three or four times per year (see individual listing for particulars that may vary for each meeting)

**WG Worship Group:** meeting weekly for worship usually under the care of a monthly meeting and usually conducting no business

## Connecticut Valley Quarterly Mtg

**Clerk:** Carol Letson 413-774-5038  
**Mailing Address:** c/o clerk, Carol Letson, 29 Allen St, Greenfield, MA 01301  
**Email:** connecticutqm@neym.org  
**Dates:** Feb 5, 2012 at Northampton MM (MA), May 6, 2012 at New London MM (CT), Oct 6–7, 2012 at Woolman Hill (MA)



### Cornwall Worship Group

**Meeting Location:** Call for information  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Peg Keskinen, 342 Town St, West Cornwall, CT 06796  
**Contact:** Peg & Ken Keskinen 860-672-6486

**Hartford Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 144 S Quaker Ln, W Hartford, CT  
**Directions:** From I-84, exit 43. Right off exit ramp onto Park Rd.  
Left on Quaker Ln. 1 ½ blocks to meetinghouse on right.  
**Accessibility:** yes—on both floors  
**Mailing Address:** 144 Quaker Ln S, West Hartford, CT 06119-1636  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 860-232-3631  
**Meeting Email:** hartford@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.hartfordquakers.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
**Adult Study:** 11:20am  
**Children's Program:** 9:45am, childcare available  
**Mid-Week Worship:** Thursdays at 7pm  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:20am  
**Seasonal Meeting:** Christmas Eve.  
**Assistant Clerk:** Christopher Robinson 860-675-5670  
**Clerk:** Martin Wheeler 860-233-4789

**Litchfield Hills Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meeting in the homes of Friends  
**Directions:** call for directions  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Jeff Van Wagenen, clerk, 1516 Straits Tpke,  
Middlebury, CT 06762  
**Contact Phone:** 203-577-2325  
**Meeting Email:** litchfieldhills@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** litchfieldhillsfriends.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am, as needed  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:15am  
**Clerk:** Jeff Van Wagenen 203-577-2325

**Middletown Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Wasch Center for Retired Faculty, Wesleyan University,  
51 Lawn Ave, Middletown, CT  
**Directions:** From I-91 take Rt 9 exit towards Middletown. Take exit 15  
off Rt 9 South. Proceed straight to High Street at the light.  
Turn left onto High Street. Proceed until you have crossed  
the intersection of High Street and Church Street, Lawn  
Avenue is the next street on the right.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Elisabeth Holder, 29 Long Ln, Middletown, CT 06457  
**Meeting Email:** middletown@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** Varies  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Clerk:** Elisabeth Holder 860-347-8079  
**Meeting Contact:** Susan James 860-621-2833

**Mount Toby Monthly Meeting****Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 194 Long Plain Rd, Leverett, MA**Directions:** From I-91, take Rt 9 exit to Northampton/Amherst.  
Turn right on Bridge St. Bear left at Rt 116N.  
Bear right at Meadow St. Bear left at Montague Rd.  
Continue on Long Plain Rd about 2 miles.  
On Rt 63, north of Amherst town line, in Leverett, MA**Accessibility:** yes**Mailing Address:** 194 Long Plain Rd, Leverett, MA 01054-9507**Mtghouse Phone:** 413-548-9188**Meeting Email:** mounttobyfriends@gmail.com**Meeting Web Page:** mounttoby.quaker.org**Sunday Worship:** 10am**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at noon, Fellowship Lunch**Adult Study:** 11:40am, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**Children's Program:** 10am, Childcare available**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at noon**Clerk:** Margaret Cooley 413-773-9525**Other Contact:** Jan Hoffman 413-253-9427**Facilities Coord:** Annie Walton 413-256-4261**Upper Valley Worship Group****Mtg Location:** 278 Main St (Rm 307A, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr) Greenfield, MA**Directions:** 3 ½ blocks west of the intersection of Rts 5 & 10, and Rt 2A in downtown Greenfield, MA**Accessibility:** yes**Mailing Address:** c/o Aggie Mitchkoski, 7 Old Albany Rd,  
Deerfield, MA 01342**Contact Phone:** 413-559-9449**Meeting Email:** uppervalley@neym.org**Sunday Worship:** 10am**Correspondent:** Aggie Mitchkoski 413-559-9449**New Haven Friends Meeting****Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 225 East Grand Ave, New Haven, CT**Directions:** From Rt 91 exit 8, take Foxon Ave ½ mile to Quinnipiac Ave.  
Turn right, go 1.1 mile to East Grand Ave and turn left.  
Meetinghouse on right.**Accessibility:** yes**Mailing Address:** 225 E Grand Ave, New Haven, CT 06513-4102**Mtghouse Phone:** 203-468-7364**Meeting Email:** newhaven@neym.org**Meeting Web Page:** newhavenfriends.org**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am**Singing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after potluck**Potluck:** 2<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after worship**Children's Program:** 10:45am**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12:15pm after worship**Clerk:** Kim Stoner 203-271-1732**Correspondent:** Patricia M. Wallace 203-624-0339**Facilities Coord:** Belinda Allen 203-468-2398

**New London Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 176 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford, CT  
**Directions:** Take I-95 exit 75, Rt 1 N to Niantic River Rd. Turn right (south) on Niantic River Road. Take first right on Oswegatchie Rd. Meetinghouse is 300 yds. on the right.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 709, New London, CT 06320-0709  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 860-444-1288  
**Contact Phone:** 860-442-7947  
**Meeting Email:** newlondon@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am Lunch/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30am Breakfast  
**Bible Study:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30am, Bible and other spiritual book study  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11am, except Aug and Dec  
**Adult Study:** 11am on other Sundays  
**Seasonal Meeting:** Holiday Potluck: All the extended families come. Usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec

**Correspondent:** Jana Noyes-Dakota 860-572-1366  
**Clerk:** Virginia Bainbridge 860-444-2553  
**Meeting Contact:** Leeland J. Cole-Chu 860-859-0059

**Northampton Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 43 Center St, Northampton  
**Directions:** Follow Rt 9W. Turn right on Center St (2<sup>nd</sup> right after Rt 5). The meetinghouse is on the right-hand side, a large beige building with columns; meeting is one flight up.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 43 Center St, Northampton, MA 01060-3004  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 413-587-4622  
**Meeting Email:** northampton@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** northampton.quaker.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 11am  
**Adult Study:** 9:30am  
**Children's Program:** 11am, childcare available 9:30am-12pm  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9am  
**Clerk:** Margaret Army 413-527-1890  
**Facilities Coord:** Naomi Yanis 413-586-3399

**Becket Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** 193 Long Bow Lane West, Becket MA (Call for info)  
**Directions:** From the merger of Rts 20 & 8, go west. Turn left on Long Bow Ln W. Stay on Long Bow Ln W, ignoring signs for Long Bow Lanes E. Go straight ½ mile to the second house on the left (red house with brown garage addition). Park in the U-shaped drive.

**Contact Phone:** 413-446-4556  
**Meeting Email:** becketWG@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** July–Aug, Time Varies, First Meeting July 8 at 5pm  
**Meeting Contact:** Caroline Whitbeck 413-446-4556

**South Berkshire Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 280 State Rd, Great Barrington, MA  
**Directions:** From I-90W take exit 2 (US Rt 20). Turn left on Housatonic St. Turn right on Pleasant St (Rt 102). Follow to Rt 7S. Turn left onto State Rd, Rt 23E. Go ½ mile.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 726, Great Barrington, MA 01230  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 413-528-1230  
**Meeting Email:** southberkshire@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.southberkshirefriends.org/  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:45am  
**Children's Program:** 10:30am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12pm  
**Clerk:** Harvey Kaminoff 413-528-3085  
**Assistant Clerk:** Alan Price 413-528-0831

**Storrs Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 57 Hunting Lodge Rd, Storrs, CT  
**Directions:** From Hartford, take I-84E to I-384 which becomes Rt 44. Go 9 miles. Turn right onto Hunting Lodge Rd. Bear right on Birch Rd. Turn left back onto Hunting Lodge Rd. Meetinghouse on the right after N Eagleville Rd. OR: From intersection of Mass Pike west and I-84W, take I-84W to Route 320 (Ruby Road exit). Follow Route 320 South to Route 195. Turn left on Route 195 for 0.1 mile. Turn right on Route 44, go about a mile, and turn left on to Hunting Lodge Road. Then follow last part of the directions from Hartford.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 57 Hunting Lodge Rd, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1701  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 860-487-1847  
**Meeting Email:** storrs@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.storrsfriendsmeeting.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11:30am  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11:30am  
**Assistant Clerk:** Gerald Sazama 860-429-0087  
**Clerk:** Norman Janes 860-423-1932  
**Other Contact:** Gerald Sazama 860-429-0087

## Dover Quarterly Meeting

**Clerk:** Marian Baker 603-478-5650  
 Before May, contact Jay Smith, 603-485-4231  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Marian Baker, 10 Crosby Rd, Hillsboro, NH 03244-4111  
**Meeting Email:** doverqm@neym.org  
**Tentative Dates:** Feb 5, 2012 at Concord MM, April 29, 2012 at Weare MM,  
 July 29 and Sept 30, 2012, locations TBA.



### Concord Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse 11 Oxbow Pond Road, Canterbury, NH  
**Directions:** From Exit 17 on I 93 north of Concord, go West on Route 4. Take first right then keep left at the fork. Meetinghouse is 0.9 mile on the right.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 1272, Concord, NH 03302-1272  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 603-783-8097  
**Meeting Email:** clerk@concordfriendsmeeting.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** concordfriendsmeeting.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Singing:** 10–10:15am  
**Potluck:** 12pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
**Children's Program:** 10am, children join adult worship before close  
**Business Meeting:** 12:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
**Co-Clerks:** Gregory Heath 603-783-4401  
 Ruth Mobilia Heath 603-783-4401

**Dover Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 141 Central Ave, Dover, NH  
**Directions:** From I-95 take Rt 16/Rt 4 exit. Continue on Rt 16. Take Rt 108 toward Dover. Bear right on Central Ave. Meeting on right at cemetery.  
**Accessibility:** yes—both  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 98, Dover, NH 03821-0098  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 603-749-2302  
**Contact Phone:** 603-868-3226  
**Meeting Email:** dovermm@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** doverfriendsnh.org/  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Children's Program:** 10:45am  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12:15pm  
**Clerk:** Chip Neal 603-868-3226

**Gonic Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Gonic Friends Meetinghouse, 41 Pickering Road, Gonic, NH  
**Directions:** From the Spaulding Trnpg, take 125S to Main St out of Gonic. Cross the bridge to Pickering Rd. Less then ½ mile on right at the corner of Quaker Ln & Pickering Rd.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 7088, Gonic, NH 03839  
**Contact Phone:** 207-384-0991  
**Contact Phone:** (603) 332-1097  
**Meeting Email:** gonic@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11am or at the call of the clerk  
**Clerk:** Sara Hubner 207-384-0991  
**Other Contact:** Muriel Farrar 603-332-1097

**West Epping Preparative Meeting**

**Mtg Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, Friend St, West Epping, NH  
**Directions:** Friend St off Rt 27.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** c/o clerk Fritz Bell, 81 Chester Rd, Raymond, NH 03077  
**Contact Phone:** (603) 244-1119  
**Meeting Email:** fritz@ttlc.net  
**Sunday Worship:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10am  
**Seasonal Mtg:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Oct at 2 pm  
**Clerk:** Fritz Bell 603-895-2437



**North Sandwich Friends Meeting**

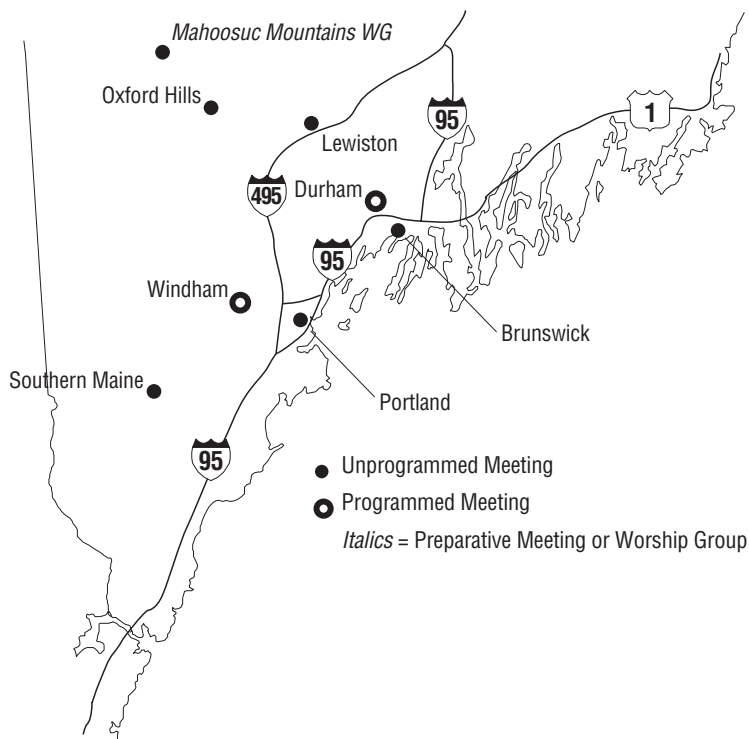
**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 354 Quaker Whiteface Rd North Sandwich  
**Directions:** From Rt 25 take Rt 113N to North Sandwich. Turn right on Fosse Flats Rd. Turn right through covered bridge. Bear left up hill. Meetinghouse is diagonally opposite at intersection with Quaker Whiteface Road.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 72, North Sandwich, NH 03259-0072  
**Contact Phone:** 603-284-6843  
**Meeting Email:** northsandwich@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** northsandwich.quaker.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday lunch  
**Bible Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
**Children's Program:** 10:30am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Clerk:** Luisa Facciolo 603-284-6843  
**Other Contact:** Raymond Stineford 603-367-4687

**Weare Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** West Henniker Friends Meetinghouse, 529 Quaker St, Henniker, NH  
**Directions:** **From Keene or Concord:** Rt 9 to Rt 114 in Henniker. Rt 114 South to Flanders Rd. Turn Rt on Flanders Rd. Take first right on Gulf Rd. Go 1.3 miles to four corners. Turn left up hill on Quaker St.  
**From Manchester:** follow Rt 114 North to Flanders Rd in Henniker. Turn left on Flanders Rd. Follow directions above.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** c/o clerk J. Richard Ludders, 108 Reservoir Dr, Weare, NH 03281  
**Meeting Email:** weare@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.neym.org/wearemeeting.html  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Adult Study:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 12pm, Sept–June  
**Children's Program:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:30am,  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Seasonal Meeting:** Christmas carol sing, call for date  
**Clerk:** J. Richard Ludders 603-529-7933  
**Other Contact:** Elizabeth P. Straw 603-529-2316

## Falmouth Quarterly Meeting

**Clerk:** Maragret Wentworth 207-725-6935  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Margaret Wentworth, PO Box 515, Brunswick, ME 04011  
**Meeting Email:** falmouthqm@neym.org  
**Dates:** April 28, 2012 at Portland MM, July 28 at Durham MM & Oct 27, 2012 at Windham MM



### Brunswick Friends Meeting

**Meeting Location:** 56 Elm St, Topsham, ME  
**Directions:** From the intersection of Elm St. and Main St. (Rt. 201), ½ mile east on Elm St. On left, opposite Feldspar Mill  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o John Houghton, 24 Lunt Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011  
**Contact Phone:** 207-725-2114  
**Contact Phone:** 207-725-8216  
**Meeting Email:** brunswick@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am twice a month  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:15am, no summer business  
**Clerk:** John Houghton 207-725-2114

### **Durham Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 534 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd, Durham, ME  
**Directions:** From I-295, take exit 22 (ME-125/ME-136).  
 Turn right on the ramp to Durham/Bradbury Mountain  
 State Park. Stay with ME-136. Go approx. 6 miles. Right on  
 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends, 532 Quaker  
 Meetinghouse Rd, Durham, ME 04222  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-725-0411  
**Contact Phone:** 207-388-2820  
**Meeting Email:** durham@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.DurhamFriendsMeeting.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Adult Study:** 9:30am–10:20am  
**Children's Program:** 10:45am, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after children's message  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:15pm  
**Co-Clerks:** Edwin Hinshaw 207-388-2820  
 Nancy L Marsteller 207-725-4294  
**Pastor:** Daphne Clement 207-353-6354

### **Lewiston Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Multifaith Chaplaincy, 161 Woods St, Lewiston, ME  
**Directions:** From I-95N, take the ME-100/ME-4 & Rt 202 exit 75 to  
 Auburn. Take Washington St. Turn right onto Court St.  
 This will become Main St. in Lewiston. Turn right onto Frye St.  
 Turn left onto College St. and then take your first right onto  
 Campus Ave. Wood St. will be your first right.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 42, Lewiston, ME 04243-0042  
**Contact Phone:** 207-786-4325  
**Meeting Email:** lewiston@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Adult Study:** 11am  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11am, Sept–June Call for summer date  
**Clerk:** Renee Cote 207-786-4325  
**Correspondent:** Christine Holden 207-783-1685

### **Oxford Hills Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Progress Center, 35 Cottage St, Norway, ME 04268  
**Directions:** I-95 to Rt 26 North to Norway. West on Rt 117 (Main St).  
 Right on Cottage St.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 276, South Paris, ME 04281-0276  
**Meeting Email:** oxfordhills@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30am  
**Business Meeting:** 10:45am, at the call of the clerk  
**Co-Clerks:** Ursula Brandon 207-665-2880  
 Ken Hamilton 207-743-8235

**Portland Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 1837 Forest Ave, Portland, ME  
**Directions:** Maine Trnpk to exit 48, right onto Riverside St.  
 Go to 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight and turn right onto Rt 302 (Forest Ave).  
 The meetinghouse is on the left just after Tortilla Flats.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 1837 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04103-1024  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-797-4720  
**Meeting Email:** portland@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am, July–Aug: 5pm  
**Singing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10am, none during the summer  
**Adult Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9am, no class mid-June to mid-Sept  
**Children's Program:** 10:30am no class mid-June to mid-Sept  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9am  
**Co-Clerks:** Muriel Allen 207-874-9523  
 Anne Harwood 207-666-8179  
**Correspondent:** Harold Burnham 207-655-2142  
**Facilities Coord:** Jane Mullen 207-761-5856  
**FDS Coord:** Anne Payson 207-781-2501

**Mahoosuc Mountains WG**

**Mtg Location:** Whitman Library, 28 S. Main St, Bryant Pond, ME  
**Directions:** Grey St exit off Maine Trnpk. Rt 26N Approx. 1 hour to  
 the Village of Bryant Pond. The library is on the left.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Dick Stratton, 3101 Main St, Hanover, ME 04237  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-824-8669  
**Meeting Email:** mahoosuc@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30am  
**Correspondent:** Dick Stratton 207-824-8669

**Southern Maine Friends Meeting**

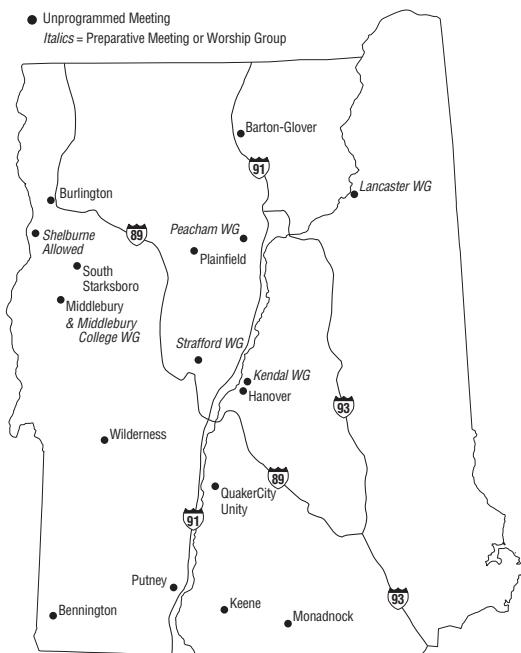
**Meeting Location:** Meeting in the homes of Friends throughout York County  
**Directions:** call for directions  
**Accessibility:** varies home to home  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Sarah Moore, 26 Bayberry Rd, Biddeford, ME 04005  
**Contact Phone:** 207-282-2717  
**Contact Phone:** 207-967-4451  
**Meeting Email:** southernmaine@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9 or 9:30am — Call ahead  
**Potluck:** On business meeting days, call ahead  
**Children's Program:** call ahead  
**Mid-Week Worship:** none  
**Business Meeting:** Monthly or Bi-monthly  
**Clerk:** Sarah E. Moore 207-282-2717

**Windham Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 374 Gray Rd, Windham, ME  
**Directions:** I-95 to exit 48. Follow Rt 25W thru Westbrook to Windham. Turn right onto Rt 202N. Meetinghouse is on the left, south of Windham Center.  
**Accessibility:** yes—ramp  
**Mailing Address:** 374 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04062-5576  
**Contact Phone:** 207-892-3718  
**Meeting Email:** windham@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, after meeting for worship  
**Seasonal Meeting:** Aug & Christmas Eve Quaker Ridge Meeting House & Windham Friends Meeting respectively  
**Clerk:** Ramona L. Moore      207-892-3718  
**Correspondent:** Julianne Moore      207-892-1580  
**Pastor:** Janice Beattie      207-892-5422

## Northwest Quarterly Meeting

**Clerk:** Constance Kincaid-Brown 603-863-7076  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Constance Kincaid-Brown, 1042 NH route 120,  
 Cornish, NH 03745-4822  
**Meeting Email:** northwestqm@neym.org  
**Dates:** Mar 3–4, 2012 at Mondanock MM; June 2–3, 2012 at Putney  
 MM; Sept 8–9 and Dec 1–2 locations TBD



### Barton-Glover Friends Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Barton Library Basement, 100 Church St, Barton , VT  
**Directions:** From I-91, take exit 25 onto Rt 16 North, towards Barton village. Go .9 miles on Rt 16. Turn left into parking lot of the Barton Public Library. (Meeting is through the basement-level door on the left side of the building.)  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 209, Barton, VT 05822-0209  
**Contact Phone:** 802-754-2029  
**Meeting Email:** barton.glover.friends@gmail.com  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30am  
**Children's Program:** 9:30am, Beginning worship with adults.  
**Business Meeting:** As required  
**Clerk:** Margaret Lipscomb 802-533-2483

### Bennington Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Senior Citizens Services Center, 124 Pleasant St, Bennington, VT

**Directions:** From the intersection of Rts 9 & 7, go north on Rt 7 one block to Pleasant St. Go right one half block, 124 is on the left.

**Accessibility:** yes

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 221, Bennington, VT 05201-0221

**Meeting Email:** bennington@neym.org

**Meeting Web Page:** www.thisisvermont.com/quakers

**Sunday Worship:** 10am

**Singing:** 9:30 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**Potluck:** First Sunday of month after meeting

**Adult Study:** Variable, often following potluck

**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am

**Other Contact:** Arnold Ricks 802-442-6010

**Clerk:** Thelma Bullock 518-686-5486

#### **Burlington Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 173 N. Prospect St., Burlington, VT

**Directions:** Exit 14W off I-89. West on Rt 2 to University of Vermont. Right on S. Prospect St to North St. 3<sup>rd</sup> building on left.

**Accessibility:** yes

**Mailing Address:** 173 N Prospect St, Burlington, VT 05401-1607

**Mtghouse Phone:** 802-660-9221

**Meeting Email:** burlington@neym.org

**Sunday Worship:** 11am

**Adult Study:** 10am, not 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**Children's Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:30am

**Mid-Week Worship:** Wednesday at 12pm

**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:45pm, following snacks

**Seasonal Meeting:** Special holiday gatherings

**Clerk:** Louis Cox 802-425-3377

**Correspondent:** Thomas Zabski 802-863-6274

**Facilities Coord:** Jim Geier 802-864-1888

#### **Shelburne Allowed Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Community Building, 200 Wake Robin Dr, Shelburne VT

**Directions:** West off Rt 7 at Bostwick Rd, South of Shelburne Museum 1 mile to Wake Robin Dr, half mile to Community Building. Wake Robin is a continuing Care Retirement Community.

**Accessibility:** yes

**Mailing Address:** c/o Helen Head, 65 East Terrace , S Burlington, VT 05403

**Meeting Email:** shelburne@neym.org

**Sunday Worship:** Contact for details

**Correspondent:** Helen Head 802-862-2267

**Hanover Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 43 Lebanon St., Hanover, NH  
**Directions:** Take exit 18, Rt 120 into Hanover. At the fourth traffic light take the left fork. The meetinghouse is a gray building immediately on the left just before the Hanover High School on Lebanon St. From 91: take exit 13, Rt 10A east. Take a right onto South Main St, and a left onto Lebanon St. The meetinghouse is on your right immediately after the high school. Please park in the high school parking lot.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 43 Lebanon St, Hanover, NH 03755-2513  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 603-643-4138  
**Meeting Email:** hanovernhquakers@gmail.com  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.hanoverquakers.us  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Adult Study:** 11:30am on most third Sundays  
**Children's Program:** 10am, children join first 15 minutes of worship  
**Mid-Week Worship:** 7pm Thursdays  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12pm, except July–Sept  
**Seasonal Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of June & Dec at Kendal at Hanover  
**Clerk:** Betsy Morse 603-643-3226  
**Assistant Clerk:** Craig Putnam 603-353-9636

**Kendal Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** Kendal at Hanover, 80 Lyme Rd, Hanover, NH  
**Directions:** From Concord, take I-89 to exit 18. Turn onto Rt 120N to Rt 10N, turn right and follow for 2 miles. Kendal at Hanover will be on your left.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o clerk Barbara Gilbert, 80 Lyme Rd, #301, Hanover, NH 03755  
**Meeting Email:** kendal@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am in Chalmers Room  
**Clerk:** Barbara Gilbert 603-643-2237

**Lancaster Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** Saint Paul's Parish Center, 113 Main St., Lancaster, NH  
**Directions:** The Parish Center is behind St. Paul's Church, across from the Lancaster Motor Inn.

**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Mary Sloat, PO Box 424, Lancaster, NH 03584-0424  
**Meeting Email:** mesloat1@yahoo.com  
**Sunday Worship:** 5pm (irregular)  
**Correspondent:** Mary Sloat 603-788-4777  
**Other Contact:** Melissa Keenan 603-788-3721

**Strafford Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** Private home in Strafford Upper Village, call for details  
**Contact Phone:** 802-765-4224  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Other Contact:** Barry Scott 215-627-6665



**Keene Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Monadnock Mindfulness Practice Center, Miller Forge Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 103 Roxbury St, Keene, NH.

**Directions:** Roxbury Street is one of the streets that converge on the central square in Keene. The Miller Forge Building is two blocks from the central square.

**Accessibility:** yes

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 793, Keene, NH 03431-0793

**Meeting Email:** keene@neym.org

**Meeting Web Page:** keene.quaker.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10am

**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after worship & refreshments

**Clerk:** Mark Edgington 603-513-2228

**Other Contact:** Richard Cornelius 603-357-4905

**Middlebury Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Havurah House, 56 N. Pleasant St., Middlebury, VT

**Directions:** From Brattleboro VT, take I-91N to exit 6 toward Rt 103. Turn left onto Rt 5 which will become Rt 103. Follow Rt 103 to Rt 7N. Stay on Rt 7N for 37 miles into Middlebury Continue to 56 N Pleasant St. (Route 7 and North Pleasant are the same street here)

**Accessibility:** yes

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 1026, Middlebury, VT 05753

**Contact Phone:** 802-388-6453

**Meeting Email:** middlebury@neym.org

**Meeting Web Page:** www.middleburyquakers.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10am

**Adult Study:** 10am, 1 or 2 Sundays a month

**Children's Program:** 10am, childcare and First Day School

**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30am

**Seasonal Meeting:** Celebration of Life (Mother's Day) & Christmas Gathering

**Co-Clerk:** Jean Rosenberg 802-388-6453

**Co-Clerk:** Cheryl Mitchell 802-545-2278

**Middlebury College Student Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** Scott Center for Religious Life, Middlebury College

**Meeting Email:** msq@middlebury.edu

**Web Page:** www.middlebury.edu/studentlife/services/chaplain/studentorgs/node/134991

**Sunday Worship:** 4pm, All but 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays on campus.  
With Middlebury Friends Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
(Meeting for Worship & Business)

**Correspondent:** Lucas Braun

**Monadnock Quaker Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Monadnock Meetinghouse, 3 Davidson Rd, Jaffrey, NH

**Directions:** From VT: I-89S to exit 5 in NH Rt 202S. The Meetinghouse is just south of Jaffrey/Peterborough line on Rt 202.

**Accessibility:** yes

**Mailing Address:** 3 Davidson Rd, Jaffrey, NH 03452-5812

**Mtghouse Phone:** 603-532-6203  
**Meeting Email:** monadnock@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.monadnockfriends.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11:30am  
**Adult Study:** 9:45 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, rise of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Children's Program:** 10:30am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:30pm  
**Clerk:** Nellie Herman 603-924-7844

### Plainfield Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 203 Martin Meadow Rd, Plainfield, VT  
**Directions:** From Rt 2, turn off as if for Plainfield Post office. Take 1<sup>st</sup> left, 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto Martin Meadow Rd. Follow the road to the right to the meetinghouse driveway. Map on website.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 215, Plainfield, VT 05667-0215  
**Contact Phone:** 802-454-4675  
**Meeting Email:** plainfield@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** plainfield.friend.googlepages.com  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday following worship  
**Adult Study:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9:30am  
**Children's Program:** 10:45am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12pm  
**Clerk:** Carl Williams 802-476-4547

### Peacham Worship Group

**Mtg Location:** Meeting in the homes of Friends  
**Directions:** Call 802-592-3210 for location and directions.  
**Mailing Address:** 391 Blanchard Hill Rd, Barnet, VT 05821-9574  
**Contact Phone:** 802-592-3210  
**Meeting Email:** peacham@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** Meets bi-weekly 9:30am  
**Correspondent:** Cathy Browne 802-592-3210

### Putney Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Putney Meetinghouse, Rt 5, Putney, VT  
**Directions:** From Rt 91, take exit 4 to Rt 5N 1 mile, meetinghouse on the left.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 381, Putney, VT 05346-0381  
**Contact Phone:** 802-387-5500  
**Meeting Email:** putney@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** putneyfriends.wordpress.com  
**Sunday Worship:** 8:30am & 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 12pm  
**Adult Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:30am, Sept–June  
**Children's Program:** 10:30-11:15am, Sept–June, childcare in the summer  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at noon, Sept–June  
**Clerk:** Carol Forsythe 802-257-5805

**Quaker City Unity Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Quaker City Meetinghouse, Quaker City Rd, Unity, NH  
**Directions:** 5 mi south of Claremont, NH on Rts 11 & 12 4.2 miles east on Unity Stage Rd. And 1/10 mile south on Quaker City Rd.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** 1888 Quaker City Rd, Charlestown, NH 03603-7426  
**Contact Phone:** 603-543-0910  
**Contact Phone:** 603-675-2141  
**Meeting Email:** quakercityunity@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:15am  
**Singing:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** Provided as needed, call if possible  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Call for time  
**Clerk:** Jenny Wright 603-543-0910

**South Starksboro Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 430 Dan Sargent Rd, S. Starksboro VT  
**Directions:** From Bristol, VT: North on Rt 116 (and Rt 17) to where Rt 17 bears east towards Waitsfield. Proceed 2 miles on Rt 17. Turn left onto Dan Sargent Rd, meetinghouse on right.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** c/o clerk, Peggy Kadima-Mazela, 4862 Sand Rd, Ferrisburg, VT 05456-9857  
**Meeting Email:** southstarksboro@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30am  
**Singing:** 9:15am  
**Potluck:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after business meeting  
**Children's Program:** 9:45am  
**Business Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11am  
**Seasonal Meeting:** Christmas day at 4 pm  
**Co-Clerks:** Kerry Cullinan 802-434-5925  
Peggy Kadima-Mazela 802-658-9124

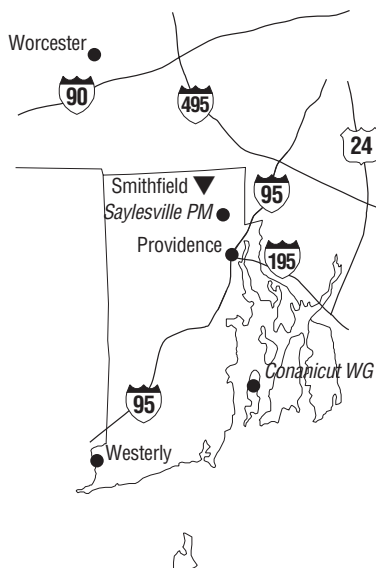
**Wilderness Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Shrewsbury Library, 98 Town Hill Rd, Cuttingsville, VT  
**Directions:** From Rutland, VT, follow Rt 7S for 4 miles. Turn left on Rt 103, go 5.6 miles. Make sharp left on Town Hill Rd.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Malcolm Bell, Clerk, 129 Obed Moore Rd, Weston, VT 05161  
**Contact Phone:** 802-824-6459  
**Contact Phone:** 802-446-2877  
**Meeting Email:** wilderness@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after meeting  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11am after meeting for worship  
**Clerk:** Malcolm Bell 802-824-6459

## Rhode Island–Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

**Clerk:** Elizabeth Zimmerman 401-397-3045  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Elizabeth Zimmerman, 3A S Killingly Rd,  
 Foster, RI 02825-1257  
**Meeting Email:** rismithfieldqm@neym.org  
**Dates:** April 15, 2012 at Westerly MM, July 15, 2011 at Worcester,  
 October 21 at Providence MM

- Unprogrammed Meeting
- ▼ Programmed & Unprogrammed Meetings for Worship (with Pastor)
- Italics* = Preparative Meeting or Worship Group



### Providence Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, RI  
**Directions:** From I-95 S take exit 24/Branch Ave. Turn left on Branch Ave. Turn left on Cypress. Turn right on Morris Ave.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 99 Morris Ave, Providence, RI 02906-2315  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 401-331-4218  
**Meeting Email:** providence@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** providencefriends.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, At the rise of meeting for worship  
**Children's Program:** 10:15am  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12:15pm, except July & Aug  
**Seasonal Meeting:** Business at Saylesville in June, Sept & Oct  
**Assistant Clerk:** Elizabeth Zimmerman 401-397-3045  
**Correspondent:** Debbie Block 508-336-9704  
**Other Contact:** Bruce Shaw 401-331-4691  
**Clerk:** Mark A. Conley 401-398-8339

**Conanicut Friends Meeting-Indulged**

**Mtg Location:** The Old Meetinghouse, at the corner of North Rd. & Weeden Lane Jamestown, RI, May–Oct.  
Middletown, RI, Studio at Norman Bird Sanctuary, Nov–Apr

**Directions:** 1) May– Nov, Jamestown Meetinghouse, Weeden Lane at N Main Rd, Jamestown RI 2) Dec–Apr; Studio at Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Rd, Middletown, RI

**Accessibility:** Studio at NBS yes, Jamestown MH no.

**Mailing Address:** c/o correspondent, 18 Constellation Ct, Jamestown, RI 02835-9122

**Contact Phone:** 401-423-9122

**Meeting Email:** conanicut@neym.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am, winter every other Sunday beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> week in Nov

**Correspondent:** Marcia Lindsay 401-423-9122

**Saylesville Preparative Meeting**

**Mtg Location:** Saylesville Meetinghouse, 384 Great Rd., Lincoln

**Dixrections:** Off of Rt 146, take 123 toward Saylesville and Cumberland. The meetinghouse is opposite River Rd.

**Accessibility:** no

**Mailing Address:** 384 Great Rd, Lincoln, RI 02865-3944

**Meeting Email:** saylesville@neym.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am

**Potluck:** Monthly Breakfast Before Business Meeting

**Seasonal Mtg:** Candlelight Service on Christmas, Easter

**Clerk:** Joanne M. Griffin 401-726-1741

**Smithfield Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 108 Smithfield Rd (Rt 146 A), Woonsocket, RI

**Directions:** From I-95S take exit 4 onto I-295S. Take exit 9B onto RI-146N. Continue 3.1 mi to RI-104 (Greenville Rd). Turn left at the light (RI-146A/Smithfield Rd.). 108 Smithfield Rd will be ½ mi on right.

**Accessibility:** yes—ramp

**Mailing Address:** 108 Smithfield Rd, Woonsocket, RI 02895-6283

**Mtghouse Phone:** 401-762-5726

**Meeting Email:** smithfield@neym.org

**Meeting Web Page:** www.smithfieldfriends.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am, Unprogrammed on last first day of month programmed on all other first days

**Children's Program:** 10:30am

**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 12pm

**Clerk:** Rhoda E. Mowry 401-354-8799

**Westerly Monthly Meeting**

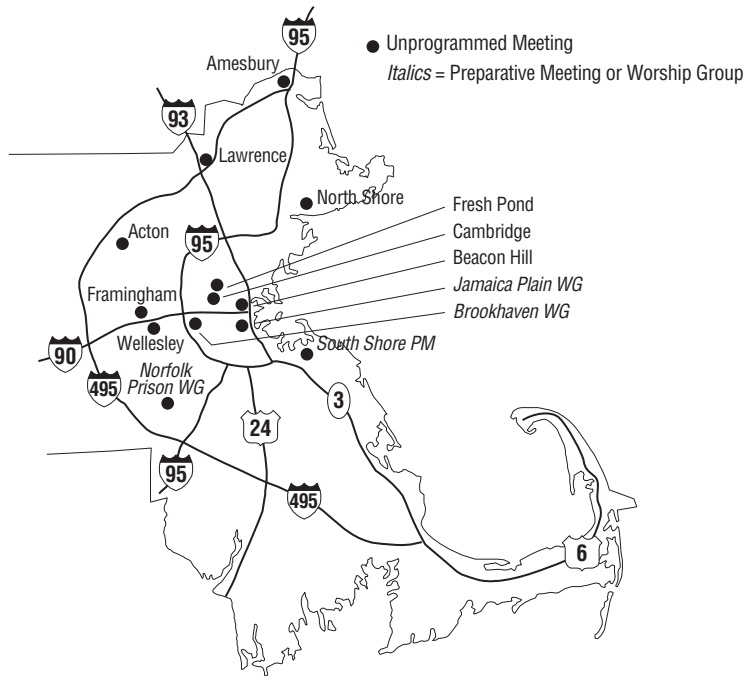
**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 57 Elm St., Westerly  
**Directions:** From I-95, south on Rt 3, turn right on Rt 1 and in the next block left onto Elm. The meetinghouse is 2 ½ blocks down on your right.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 57 Elm St, Westerly, RI 02891-2136  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 401-782-2534  
**Meeting Email:** westerly@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** westerlyfriends.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after meeting at meetinghouse  
**Children's Program:** 10:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9am  
**Clerk:** Jane Johnson 860-535-4223

**Worcester Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 901 Pleasant St, Worcester, MA  
**Directions:** Directions: **From I 290 Eastbound:** Exit 17, Rt 9 West (airport exit) Left turn onto Rt. 9 west. Continue straight on Highland St. 1.5 mi. to rotary. Take Pleasant St. (second exit off rotary) 0.8 mi. to #901 on right.  
**From I 290 Westbound:** Exit 18, Rt 70 South, Lincoln St. Turn right onto Lincoln St. 0.2 mi. to Rt. 9 west. Turn right onto Highland St. Continue straight on Highland St. 1.4 mi. to rotary. Take Pleasant St. (second exit off rotary) 0.8 mi. to #901 on right.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 901 Pleasant St, Worcester, MA 01602-1908  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-754-3887  
**Meeting Email:** worcester@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.worcesterfriendsmeeting.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 11am  
**Potluck:** Noon every week  
**Adult Study:** as scheduled  
**Children's Program:** 11am, childcare year round, program in school year  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9pm  
**Clerk:** Clarence Burley 508-735-4353  
**Assistant Clerk:** Elizabeth Poynton 508-434-2739

## Salem Quarterly Meeting

**Clerk:** Sarah Spencer 617-965-7042  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Sarah Spencer, 50 Elmore St, Newton, MA 02459-1119  
**Meeting Email:** salemqm@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.bhfh.org/sqm/  
**Dates:** Jan 22, 2012 at North Shore MM (MA), April 22, 2012 at Amesbury MM (MA), July 15, 2012 at Summer Social at Beacon Hill (MA), Oct 28, 2012 at Cambridge MM (MA)



### Acton Friends Meeting

**Meeting Location:** 130C Baker Ave. Extension, W. Concord, MA  
**Directions:** From Boston: Take Rt 2W to Concord Rotary, reverse direction. At 1<sup>st</sup> stoplight at Baker Ave Extension. Turn right onto Baker Ave Extension. 130C Baker Ave Ext is located in the first office park on the left.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Doug Armstrong, PO Box 1401, Shirley, MA 01464-1401  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 978-263-8660  
**Meeting Email:** acton@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
**Adult Study:** following worship several times a month  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:45am  
**Clerk:** Jennifer Burgin 978-263-8062  
**Correspondent:** Douglas Armstrong 978-425-4620

**Amesbury Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 120 Friend St, Amesbury, MA  
**Directions:** Rt 495 to Rt 150, Amesbury. On Rt 150, cross Rt 110, left on Greenleaf St. Meetinghouse in ¼ mile on corner with Friend St.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 120 Friend St, Amesbury, MA 01913-2703  
**Contact Phone:** 978-388-1765  
**Meeting Email:** amesbury@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** [www.amesburyquakers.org/](http://www.amesburyquakers.org/)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 6:30pm  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30am  
**Clerk:** Joanne Megna-Wallace 978-363-1187  
**Meeting Contact:** Marina Kirsch 603-580-1355  
**Other Contact:** Edith Maxwell 978 356 6049  
**Other Contact:** Richard Gale 978-388-9774

**Beacon Hill Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Beacon Hill Friends House, 6 Chestnut St, Boston  
**Directions:** Chestnut St (parallel to Beacon St), Friends House is near corner with Walnut St. From Boston Common (Park St Station) walk to Beacon St, up hill towards Statehouse. Corner with Walnut is left of State House. Walking from the T: From Park St Station, walk to the corner of Beacon St. and Walnut. The State House will be on your right. Continue up Walnut St, and through left on Chestnut St. Friends House will be a few steps on your left.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 6 Chestnut St, Boston, MA 02108-3602  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 617-227-9118  
**Meeting Email:** beaconhill@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** [www.bhfm.org](http://www.bhfm.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Potluck:** 12:30 on Business meeting days  
**Children's Program:** 10:45am  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 12:30pm, Sep-June  
**Clerk:** Ken Haase 617-436-8341



**Friends Meeting at Cambridge**

**Meeting Location:** 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, MA 02138-4816  
**Directions:** From I-90 E take exit 17 to Newton/ Watertown. Continue on Centre St. Continue on Galen. Bear left on Mt Auburn St. Turn left at Brattle St. Turn right at Longfellow Pk.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, MA 02138-4816  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 617-876-6883  
**Meeting Email:** cambridge@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.fmcquaker.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am & 5pm  
**Potluck:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 12pm and before business meeting  
**Adult Study:** 9:30am, Sept through June  
**Children's Program:** 10:45am, Sept-June, Childcare during July & Aug. Children attend meeting 10:30-10:45 all year  
**Mid-Week Worship:** Wednesday at 8:30-10am  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1:15, Sept-Nov & Apr-June, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs at 7pm Dec-March  
**Clerk:** David L. Myers 617-628-3717  
**Assistant Clerk:** William Satterthwaite 978-369-2365  
**Meeting Secretary:** Cher Koor 617-876-6883  
**FDS Coordinator:** Christine Connaire 617-492-5177

**South Shore Preparative Meeting**

**Mtg Location:** New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Ln, Hingham, MA 02043-2074  
**Directions:** Rt 3 exit 14 to Rt 228 north 5 miles to Hingham Library, and turn right onto Leavitt St (Follow signs for NE Friends Home.) to Turkey Hill Ln.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 86 Turkey Hill Ln, Hingham, MA 02043-2074  
**Contact Phone:** 781-337-9337  
**Meeting Email:** southshore@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Clerk:** Joanne Heffernan 781-337-9337

**Brookhaven Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** Brookhaven, 1010 Waltham St, Lexington, MA 02421-8092  
**Directions:** Call for directions.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Andy Linn, 1010 Waltham St apt 559, Lexington, MA 02421-8093  
**Meeting Email:** brookhaven@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
**Correspondent:** Andrew Linn 781-863-0954

**Framingham Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 841 Edmands Rd, Framingham  
**Directions:** From the Mass Pke take exit 12, Rt 9 towards Framingham. Take the Edgell Rd exit and turn left at end. Go 2 miles to the light at Water St and turn left. The road becomes Edmands Rd. The meetinghouse is on the corner of Nixon & Edmands Rd  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 841 Edmands Rd, Framingham, MA 01701-3012  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-877-1261  
**Meeting Email:** framingham@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.neym.org/FFM/  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at noon  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am Sept through June (except Dec)  
**Clerk:** John Robinson 781-259-1365

**Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Cambridge Friends School, 5 Cadbury Rd, Cambridge, MA  
**Directions:** Rt. 2E to Rt 16E. Right on Mass Ave. Right on Cedar to end. Right on Rindge. Left on Sherman. Left on Cadbury. Nearest T station (subway) is Porter Sq.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Cambridge Friends School, 5 Cadbury Rd, Cambridge, MA 02140-3598  
**Contact Phone:** 781-391-3869  
**Meeting Email:** freshpond@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** neym.org/fpm  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 11:30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
**Adult Study:** 11:30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
**Children's Program:** 10–10:45, children attend end of worship  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Co-Clerks:** Betsy Kantt 781-391-0783  
 Erica Voolich 617-666-0666

**Lawrence Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Forest Street Union Church, 15 Forest St, Methuen, MA  
**Directions:** Exit 46 off I-93, go east on Route 110. Bear left almost immediately onto Lowell Street (Route 113). Turn right at 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light onto Forest St. The church is on the left.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Ralph Gentile, 108 Pine St, Andover, MA 01810  
**Contact Phone:** 978-475-5752  
**Meeting Email:** lawrence@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.lawrence-andover-quakers.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 2pm  
**Children's Program:** 2pm, please call if visiting with small children  
**Business Meeting:** Varies  
**Correspondent:** Ralph B Gentile 978-475-5752  
**Clerk:** Janice Sifferlen 978-474-9193

**North Shore Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Glen Urquhart School, 74 Hart St, Beverly Farms, MA  
**Directions:** Rt 128 to exit 17, south 1 mile to school on right  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Isabella Bates, 2 Masconomo St., Manchester, MA 01944  
**Contact Phone:** 978-281-1532  
**Meeting Email:** northshore@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 6:30pm, once/month on timely topics  
**Adult Study:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9am  
**Children's Program:** 10am, preschool weekly; school age monthly  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Clerk:** Isabella Bates 978-526-1443

**Wellesley Monthly Meeting**

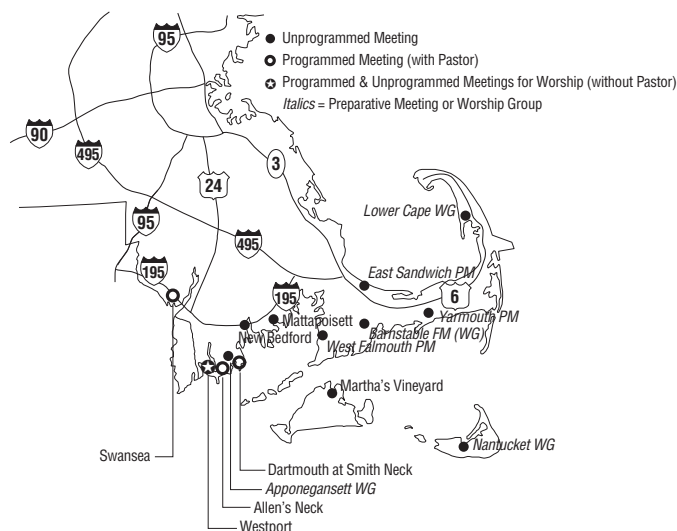
**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 26 Benvenue St., Wellesley, MA  
**Directions:** From Boston take I-90W to Rt 16E. Turn left on Washington St. Go 3 miles. Turn left on Wellesley Ave. Bear right on Brook St. Turn right on Hampden St. Turn left on Grove St. Turn right on Benvenue St.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 26 Benvenue St, Wellesley, MA 02482-7404  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 781-237-0268  
**Contact Phone:** 781-237-7677  
**Meeting Email:** clerk@wellesleyfriendsmeeting.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** wellesleyfriendsmeeting.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Mid-Week Worship:** 7:30–8:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, Meetinghouse  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at noon;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:45pm in April, May, June, Sept & Oct  
**Correspondent:** Patricia Shotwell 781-899-5367  
**Other Contact:** Wendyl Ross 781-237-7677  
**Clerk:** Carolyn Stone 617-964-3178  
**FDS Coordinator:** Emily Neumann 781-507-1911

**Norfolk Recognized Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk, MA  
**Directions:** Off Rt 1A in Norfolk follow small sign for Mass. Correctional Institution to the 2<sup>nd</sup> prison on the left (parking on the right).  
**Mailing Address:** 43 Oak St., Newton, MA 02464-1407  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 617-964-7932  
**Meeting Email:** norfolk@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 6pm, Must call Convenor two weeks ahead. Visitors welcome.  
**Correspondent:** Marguerite Helen 617-964-7932

## Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

**Clerk:** Robert Ransbottom 774-202-3472  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Robert Ransbottom, 139 Perry St,  
 New Bedford, MA 02745-6120  
**Meeting Email:** sandwichqm@neym.org  
**Tentative Dates:** Jan 28, April 28, July 28, and Oct 27, 2012, locations TBA



### Apponegansett Worship Group

**Meeting Location:** Apponegansett Meetinghouse, 856 Russells Mills Rd,  
 S. Dartmouth  
**Directions:** Russells Mills Rd ½ mile east of Chase Rd  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Dartmouth Friends Meeting, 594 Smith Neck Rd,  
 South Dartmouth, MA 02748-1502  
**Contact Phone:** 508-994-5108  
**Sunday Worship:** 8:30am during Summer  
**Seasonal Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 3pm in July

### Nantucket Worship Group

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 7 Fair St, Nantucket  
**Directions:** Off the ferry, left on Water St, right on Main St, left at the  
 Pacific Bank which is Fair St The meetinghouse is one block  
 up on the right.  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Patience Killen, PO Box 606, Nantucket, MA 02554  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Correspondent:** Patience Killen 508-325-2625

### Allen's Neck Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** 739 Horseneck Rd., Dartmouth  
**Directions:** I-195 to exit 10, south on Rt 88 to end; go left/east  
 along shore; after road turns north, 1<sup>st</sup> right for 1 mile.  
 Meetinghouse on left.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 643 Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02748  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-636-8910  
**Contact Phone:** 508-636-2756  
**Meeting Email:** allensneck@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.allensneck.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9am  
**Children's Program:** 9:15am, Childcare and First Day School  
**Business Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7pm except Nov & Dec  
**Clerk:** Bill Reed 508-636-0536  
**Other Contact:** Pamela Humphrey 508-758-6234  
**Pastor:** Charles Morse 774-365-9700  
**Facilities Coord:** Diana Mendes 508-636-7712

#### Dartmouth Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Smith Neck Friends Meetinghouse, 594 Smith Neck Rd  
**Directions:** From Boston: Take Rt 24S to Rt 140S. Turn onto Rt 6W (State St). At the 2<sup>nd</sup> light, take a left onto Slocum Rd Take a left on Elm St (across from police station), and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign, turn right on Bridge St. After crossing bridge, left on Smith Neck Rd Go 1 ½ miles and the meetinghouse is on the right.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 594 Smith Neck Rd, South Dartmouth, MA 02748-1502  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-997-8372  
**Meeting Email:** dartmouthsmithneck@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.snfm.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11am  
**Co-Clerks:** Carole Cannan 508-994-5108  
 Christina Styan 508-999-3526  
**Meeting Contact:** Anne Lopoulos 508-994-5816  
**Pastor:** Eric Wasileski 857-636-9691

#### Martha's Vineyard Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Hillside Village Community Building, Edgartown—Vineyard Haven Rd.  
**Directions:** Off Vineyard Haven-Edgartown Rd, Clover Hill Dr (at the rock) and immediately left into Hillside Village  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 1353, Vinyard Haven, MA 02568  
**Contact Phone:** 508-627-8536  
**Meeting Email:** marthasvineyard@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 11am  
**Potluck:** Called, Summer season  
**Adult Study:** Called, Quaker 101  
**Children's Program:** Call ahead  
**Business Meeting:** Monthly, usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 12-1:30  
**Co-Clerks:** Sarah & Bruce Nevin 508-627-8536

**Mattapoisett Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 103 Marion Rd., Mattapoisett  
**Directions:** From I-95 W take Rt 105 exit 20 to Marion-Rochester. Bear right onto the Rt 105 ramp. Bear right at Font St. Turn right at Spring St Turn right at Wareham Rd Continue on Mill St- 2.6 miles. Continue on Marion Rd .9 miles.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 795, Mattapoisett, MA 02739-0795  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-758-9625  
**Meeting Email:** mattapoisett@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.mattapoisettquakers.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30am  
**Adult Study:** varies  
**Business Meeting:** Last Sunday of month at 10:30am  
**Clerk:** Alan Harris 508-748-0098

**Barnstable Friends Meeting (Preparative)**

**Meeting Location:** Burgess House, 559 Rt 149, Marston Mills, MA  
**Directions:** Exit 5 off Rt 6. Turn south on Rt 149. Burgess House is approximately 3 miles on the right.

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 718, Marston Mills, MA 02648  
**Meeting Email:** barnstable@neym.org  
**Web Page:** quakersofthelight.blogspot.com/  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Adult Study:** contact for details  
**Children's Prog:** contact for details  
**Business Mtg:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays  
**Clerk:** Rachel Carey-Harper 508-385-5443

**New Bedford Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 83 Spring St, New Bedford  
**Directions:** From Boston: Rt 93S, Rt 24S, Rt 140S, Rt 195E, Rt 18S. Exit on Elm St West to N Sixth St Left on Sixth St Right on Union St Left on Seventh St Meetinghouse is one block up on the left.

**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 83 Spring St, New Bedford, MA 02740-5934  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-990-0710  
**Meeting Email:** newbedford@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11  
**Clerk:** Robert Ransbottom 774-202-3472

**Sandwich Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meets only for business as below.  
**Directions:** Rotating schedule for business: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Feb. (E.Sandwich) April (W. Falmouth), June (Yarmouth), Aug (E. Sandwich), Oct (W. Falmouth), & Dec (Yarmouth). See individual meetings for directions.  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Molly Cornell, 37 Shapquit Bars Rd, Falmouth, MA 02540-4349  
**Contact Phone:** 508-540-7652  
**Meeting Email:** sandwichmm@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.capecodquakers.org  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11am, See rotation of locations above  
**Clerk:** Ann Marsh Prentice 508-747-2889

**East Sandwich Preparative Meeting**

**Mtg Location:** 6 Quaker Rd, East Sandwich  
**Directions:** Rt 6 to Exit 3. N on Quaker Meeting House Rd. Cross Rt 6A and RR tracks. 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Quaker Rd. 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on right.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 198, East Sandwich, MA 02537-0198  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-888-4181  
**Meeting Email:** eastsandwich@neym.org  
**Web Page:** capecodquakers.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 8:30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, breakfast discussion  
**Business Mtg:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9am, also Sandwich MM rotation schedule  
**Seasonal Mtg:** For other Scheduled Activities, please see the Calendar at website: capecodquakers.org/  
**Clerk:** Paul Osmond Smalley 508-539-3852

**West Falmouth Preparative Meeting**

**Mtg Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 572 W. Falmouth Hwy, W. Falmouth  
**Directions:** Exit Rt 28 south of Bourne Bridge at Thomas Landers Rd Go West (right) to 28A. Go south (left) on 28A (W.Falmouth Hwy) 1 ¼ miles Meetinghouse on right.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 720, West Falmouth, MA 02574-0720  
**Contact Phone:** 508-548-8258  
**Meeting Email:** westfalmouth@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Adult Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Children's Prog:** 10:15am  
**Business Mtg:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9am, also Sandwich MM rotation schedule  
**Clerk:** William Reznikoff 508-548-8258  
**Correspondent:** Molly Niles Cornell 508-540-7652

**Yarmouth Preparative Meeting**

**Mtg Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 58 N Main St, S. Yarmouth  
**Directions:** From Rt 28: go 2 blocks north on N. Main St From Rt 6: Exit #8, south on Station St (2miles), left on Pine St  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** 58 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-398-3773  
**Meeting Email:** yarmouth@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Prog:** 10am  
**Business Mtg:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9am, also Sandwich MM rotation schedule  
**Clerk:** Kathryn Olsen 508-896-1957

**Lower Cape Worship Group**

**Mtg Location:** 115 Main St (next to Salty Duck Pottery), Wellfleet  
**Directions:** From Rt 6: Left at light towards Wellfleet Center, 4<sup>th</sup> house on the left, next to the Salty Duck Pottery.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** c/o correspondent, PO Box 311, Wellfleet, MA 02667  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-349-3342  
**Meeting Email:** lowercape@neym.org  
**Web Page:** capecodquakers.org  
**Mid-Week Worship:** Tuesdays at 5:30pm  
**Correspondent:** Katherine Stillman 508-349-3342

**Swansea Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, 223 Prospect St, Somerset  
**Directions:** 1 mile north of Rt 6.  
**Accessibility:** yes — ramp  
**Mailing Address:** c/o clerk Janice Chace, 875 Prospect St, Somerset, MA 02726  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-674-9411  
**Meeting Email:** swansea@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30am May-Oct  
**Business Meeting:** at call of clerk, following worship  
**Clerk:** Janice W. Chace 508-674-9411

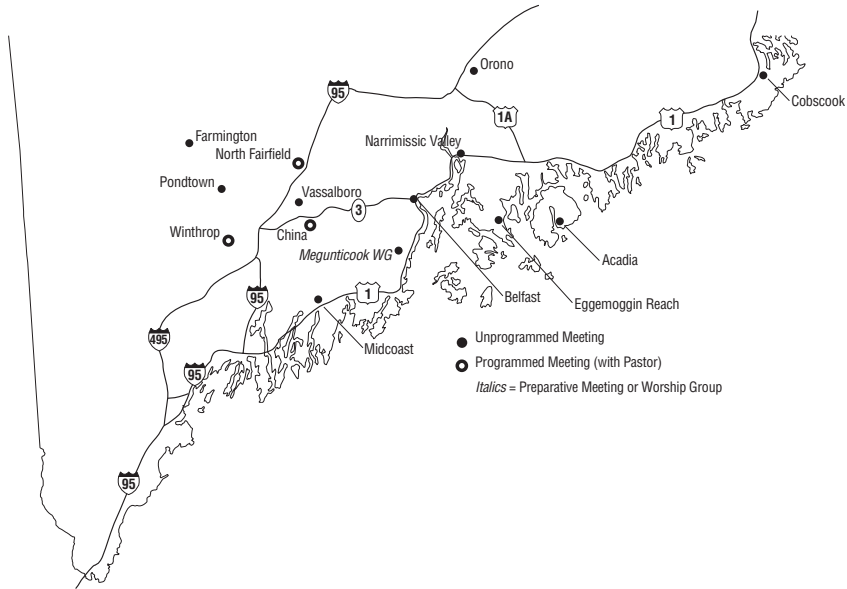
**Westport Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 938 Main Rd, Westport  
**Directions:** From Rt I-95, take Rt 88 South to Hixbridge Rd, turn right. At T-intersection turn right onto Main Rd Meetinghouse is on the right after the cemetery.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 3707, Westport, MA 02790-0745  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 508-636-4963  
**Meeting Email:** westport@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.westportfriendsmeeting.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10:20am, children attend first 20 min of worship  
**Clerk:** Elizabeth Lee 508-994-1638



## Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting

**Mailing Address:** c/o Mark Raines, PO Box 145, Vienna, ME 04360-0145  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-293-3967  
**Meeting Email:** vassalboroqm@neym.org  
**Tentative Dates:** Feb 4, 2012 at Eggemoggin/Narramissic MMs, May 5, 2012 at Cobscook MM, Sept 7–9 at Friends Camp, Nov. 3, 2012 at Belfast/Orono MMs



### Megunticook Worship Group

**Meeting Location:** Children's Chapel, Beauchamp Point, Rockport, June–Sept, Meetingbrook Hermitage, Oct–May

**Directions:** call for directions

**Accessibility:** not in Rockport, yes in Camden

**Mailing Address:** c/o Diane Kirkman, 17 Grove Street, Camden, ME 04843

**Contact Phone:** 207-236-9078

**Meeting Email:** megunticook@neym.org

**Sunday Worship:** 9am June–Sept: Open-air venue, Oct–May indoors

**Correspondent:** Diane Kirkman 207-236-9078

**Acadia Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Neighborhood House, 1 Kimball Rd, Northeast Harbor  
**Directions:** Take 198 to Northeast Harbor.  
Bear left onto Main Street continue to the stop sign.  
Neighborhood house is on the diagonally opposite corner.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 21, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0021  
**Contact Phone:** 207-288-8240  
**Meeting Email:** acadia@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9am  
**Children's Program:** 9am Story Hour  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:30am, following social hour after meeting  
**Clerk:** Stephen Perrin 207-288-8240

**Belfast Area Friends Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** 39 Main Street, Belfast  
**Directions:** Head straight down Main Street, past the central intersection (High and Main), toward the water. 39 Main is the yellow/orange building on the left. Park in the free town lot behind Traci's diner.  
**Accessibility:** no – meeting will carry people up small flight of stairs  
**Mailing Address:** 238 Hadley Mill Rd, Brooks, ME 04921  
**Contact Phone:** 207-338-3080  
**Contact Phone:** 207-338-3428  
**Meeting Email:** belfast@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, after worship  
**Clerk:** Lindy Davies 207-722-3001

**China Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Conference room of Willow Beach Lodge, 1320 Lakeview Dr. China, ME 04358  
**Directions:** From Augusta take Route 202 to Vassalboro.  
202 turns north on the east side of China Lake.  
Go approx. 4 miles from that intersection (past Friends Camp). Willow Beach Lodge is on the left.  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Jean Dempster, 57 Arnold Rd., South China, ME 04358  
**Contact Phone:** 207-445-4188  
**Meeting Email:** china@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 3pm  
**Clerk:** Jean Dempster 207-445-4188

**Cobscook Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, Rt. 189, Cobscook  
**Directions:** from Rt 1 in Whiting; 189E for ½ mile, then left (North) into driveway to meetinghouse parking lot. (meetinghouse not visible from road; sign at roadside)  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 11, Whiting, ME 04691-0011  
**Mtg house Phone:** 207-733-4904

**Meeting Email:** cobscook@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** Every Sunday  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Clerk:** Stan Andrews

#### **Eggmoggin Reach Monthly Mtg**

**Meeting Location:** May-Oct: Sargentville Chapel, Rt 175, Sargentville, ME  
 Nov-April: Meeting in the homes of Friends  
**Directions:** Chapel: Rt 15S (toward Deer Isle) to Rt 175. Left at T intersection. Chapel less than ¼ mile on right.  
 Nov—April location published in "Weekly Packet" & "Isle Advantage" or call.  
**Accessibility:** Call ahead  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Sally Aman, PO Box 60, Brooklin, ME 04616-0060  
**Contact Phone:** 207-348-6686  
**Meeting Email:** eggmoggin@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am May-Oct  
**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays May-Oct  
 1 & 3 Sundays Nov-April  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Seasonal Meeting:** 10am Nov-April, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays for location call clerk  
 207-359-8422 or Suzanne Ruch 207-348-6686  
**Co-Clerks:** Barbara Graves 207-359-8422  
 Sally Aman 207-359-4602

#### **Farmington Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Holman House, 227 Main St, Farmington, ME 04938  
**Directions:** From I-95, take exit 112 heading north on Rt 27 for just under 34 miles. turn Right on Main St (.2 miles) and left at N Main st (.2 miles).  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 856, Farmington, ME 04938-0856  
**Contact Phone:** 207-778-2268  
**Meeting Email:** farmington@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in the homes of Friends with discussion  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday following worship at the Holman House  
**Clerk:** Diane Dicranian 207-587-4991  
**Correspondent:** Henry Washburn 207-778-2268

**Midcoast Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd, Damariscotta  
**Directions:** Take I-295 N to Rt 1 to Damariscotta. Turn left at Belvedere Rd. The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 miles from the intersection.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 714, Damariscotta, ME 04543-0714  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-563-3757  
**Contact Phone:** 207-230-0436  
**Contact Phone:** 207-354-8174  
**Meeting Email:** midcoast@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am program Sept–June  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am  
**Clerk:** Suzy Hallett 207-563-6084  
**Clerk:** David Cadbury 207-230-0436

**Narramissic Valley Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Bucksport Child Care Center, Miles Ln, Bucksport  
**Directions:** From Portland ME, take I-95N to exit 113, Rt 3N toward Augusta/Belfast. Follow Rt 3N for 44 miles to Rts 1 & 3N for 18 miles. At the intersection of Miles Ln just off Broadway in Bucksport. Call for directions.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Faye Domincovich, 78 Spruce St, Bucksport, ME 04416-4634  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-469-7582  
**Meeting Email:** narramissic@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Adult Study:** 10am, last Sunday of the month  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 10am  
**Clerk:** Faye Domincovich 207-469-7582

**North Fairfield Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting Location:** Friends Meetinghouse, Rt 104, North Fairfield  
**Directions:** On Rt 104, 2 ½ miles north of Fairfield Center.  
**Accessibility:** no  
**Mailing Address:** c/o Twila Rowe, 11 Hutchins Rd, Fairfield, ME 04937  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-453-7155  
**Contact Phone:** 207-453-6025  
**Sunday Worship:** 11am  
**Potluck:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, at rise of Worship  
**Mid-Week Worship:** Thursday at 6pm  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 10am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday May/Oct  
**Clerk:** Twila Rowe 207-453-6025  
**Pastor:** Michael Trombley 207-649-5704

### Orono Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Senior Citizens Center, Birch St, Orono  
**Directions:** I-95 to exit 191 Orono. Turn right, go 1 mile. Turn left on Rt. 2 (Main St.). Go 1.2, turn right at first light on Pine St. After ½ mile, turn right onto Birch St. Senior Center straight ahead.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 556, Orono, ME 04473-0556  
**Contact Phone:** 207-296-2926  
**Meeting Email:** orono@neym.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Children's Program:** 10am, call ahead  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am, no business meeting July or Aug  
**Clerk:** Molly Duplisea-Palmer 207-296-2926

### Vassalboro Friends Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Meetinghouse, 48 South Stanley Hill Rd. Vassalboro  
**Directions:** South Stanley Hill Rd, ¼ mile east of junction with Rt 32 in downtown East Vassalboro.  
**Accessibility:** yes- ramp to door; all space on same level  
**Mailing Address:** 48 S Stanley Hill Rd, Vassalboro, ME 04989-3503  
**Mtghouse Phone:** 207-923-3572  
**Meeting Email:** vassalboromm@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** vassalborofriends.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10am  
**Singing:** 9:40am weekly  
**Potluck:** After Worship on business meeting days  
**Children's Program:** 10am  
**Business Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:30am except July & Aug  
**Clerk:** Jacqui Clark 207-557-5200

### Winthrop Center Friends Church

**Meeting Location:** Winthrop Center Friends Church, 219 Winthrop Center Rd. (Rt 135) Winthrop, ME  
**Directions:** On Winthrop Center Road (Rt 135) 1 mile south of Rt 202.  
**Accessibility:** yes  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 321, Winthrop, ME 04364  
**Meeting Email:** winthropcenter@neym.org  
**Meeting Web Page:** www.winthropcenterfriends.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9am unprogrammed worship @ 8am  
**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Oct—April  
**Business Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:30am  
**Clerk:** Douglas Averill 207-626-7699  
**Pastor:** Maggie Edmondson 207-685-4797

## Other Friends Meetings for Worship in New England

### The Adams Friends Meetinghouse

Adams Historical Society

Open Sundays, Memorial Day through Labor Day

Location: Corner of Friend and Maple Sts, Adams, MA

Meeting Web Page: [www.berkshireweb.com/quakers/index.html](http://www.berkshireweb.com/quakers/index.html)

### Boston Area Evangelical Hispanic Friends Church

Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region

Location: contact pastor for directions

Mailing address: 71 Chestnut St, Everett, MA 02149

Worship: Saturday 7–9:30 pm & Sunday 3–6 pm

Meeting Web Page: [www.institutoalma.org/directorio/Boston.htm](http://www.institutoalma.org/directorio/Boston.htm)

Pastor: Pedro y Daisy Aldana 617-387-1362

### Housatonic Friends Meeting

New York Yearly Meeting/Purchase Quarterly Meeting

Location: 300 Danbury Rd, New Milford, CT 06776

Mailing address: Box 43, New Milford, CT 06776

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Meeting Web Page: [housatonicmeeting.org/wp/](http://housatonicmeeting.org/wp/)

Phone: 860-355-9330

### Newport Evangelical Friends Church

Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region

Location & Mailing: 70 Bliss Mine Rd, Middletown, RI 02840

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 10:45 am

Meeting Web Page: [efcnewport.com](http://efcnewport.com)

Pastor: Paul Hoffman 401-847-1490

### Portsmouth Friends Church

Evangelical Friends Church — Eastern Region

Location & Mailing: Rt. 138, Corner of Middle Rd/Hadley St, Portsmouth, RI 02871

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Meeting Web Page: [www.portsmouthfriends.org](http://www.portsmouthfriends.org)

Pastor: Jordan Jacobson 401-683-1109

### Wilton Monthly Meeting

New York Yearly Meeting/Purchase Quarterly Meeting

Mailing address: 317 New Canaan Rd, Wilton, CT 06897

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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	AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE ATTENDERS (NON-MEMBERS)	AVERAGE NUMBER OF WEEKDAY MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP	AVERAGE NUMBER ATTENDING MEETING FOR BUSINESS	AVERAGE NUMBER 19 AND OVER IN STUDY CLASSES	AVERAGE NUMBER BIRTH THROUGH 18 IN CLASSES	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY MEETING FOR WORSHIP	NUMBER OF JUNIOR MEMBERS BECOMING ADULT MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS 65 AND OVER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS 19 THROUGH 25	NUMBER OF MEMBERS 15 THROUGH 18	NUMBER OF MEMBERS BIRTH THROUGH 14	NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	NUMBER OF RESIDENT MEMBERS	NUMBER OF FEMALES	NUMBER OF MALES	NET GAIN (LOSS)	NUMBER OF MEMBERS THIS YEAR 12/31/2009	TOTAL LOSSES	LOSS BY LETTER TO ANOTHER DENOMINATION	LOSS BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER TO ANOTHER FRIENDS MEETING OR DISOWMENT LOSS BY DEATH	LOSS DUE TO REMOVAL OF PERSONS INCLUDED BY ERROR IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT	TOTAL ADDITIONS	ADDITIONS BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER FRIENDS MEETING APPLICATION (INCLUDING FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION)	ADDITIONS DUE TO OMISSIONS IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT	NUMBER OF MEMBERS LAST YEAR 12/31/2008
* = Report Unavailable  §= In the proceoss of being laid down																									
Conn. Valley QM																									
Hartford*	48	2	20	10	20	65	25		12	6	13	85	102	97	90	0	187	0	0		0	5	0	4	187
Litchfield Hills*													-	-		0	15	0	0		0	0	0	15	0
Middletown	6		7			10	8				10	6	9	13	6	0	19	0	0		0	0	0	19	0
Mt. Toby	73	1	37	311	12	85	56		4	2	6	24	129	95	58	0	153	0	6	4	2	1	4	155	0
New Haven	20		15	20		34	20		1		5	11	62	43	29	0	72	0	3	1		1	1	74	0
New London*												20	13	24	9	0	33	0	0					33	0
Northampton*	20	18	7	4	4	43	8		3	1	4	3	53	35	21	0	56	0	0					56	0
South Berkshire	8	12	14	6	3	20	19			1	4	4	33	27	10	0	37	0	0					37	0
Storrs*	20	20	20	20	6	38	18		2	3	5	18	45	34	29	0	63	0	0					63	0
TOTAL	195	3	129	342	65	295	154	0	22	13	33	175	446	368	252	(4)	635	9	0	0	3	5	0	639	0
Dover QM																									
Concord	20	8	5	3	15		4		3			0	28	16	12	0	28	0	21		6	6		6	28
Dover*													60	43	23	0	66	0	0		0	0		66	0
Gonic*	3		4			9	13		2			7	15	13	9	0	22	0	0		0	0		22	0
North Sandwich	2		7				7					5	10	13	2	0	15	0	8	1	2	2	2	21	0
Weare	3	7	6			9	13					13	17	13	17	(1)	30	1	1		1	0	0	31	0
TOTAL	28	0	26	11	3	42	37	0	5	0	0	31	130	98	63	(22)	161	30	0	1	2	8	0	183	0

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RI/Smithfield QM																															
Providence	223	0		4	4	1	1	6	1	9	218	0	109	109	161	57	14	10	20	63	74	10	10	16	4	34					
Smithfield*	40									0	40	0	13	27	30	10															
Westerly	65		3		3		2	1		3	65	0	26	39	45	20	5	1	3	16	20	3	7	7		10					
Worcester*	72				0					0	72	0	22	50	44	28															
TOTAL	400	0	3	4	7	1	3	7	1	0	12	395	(5)	170	225	280	115	19	11	23	79	0	94	13	17	23	4	44			
Salem QM																															
Acton	29				0				2	2	27	0	9	18	17	10			2	12	8		6	9		5					
Amesbury	33				0			1		1	32	0	12	20	21	11	4	2	3	4	20	3	15	12		32					
Beacon Hill	73		2		2	1		2		3	72	0	28	44	51	21	5	3	3	3	45	8	30	20		25					
Cambridge	420		9	2	11	1	9	2	2	14	417	0	170	247	300	117	14	3	16	162	137	22	25	45	9	185					
Framingham*	111				0					0	111	0	54	57	79	32	3	2	9	20	44	10		19	44	46					
Fresh Pond	82				0					0	82	0	33	49	79	3	9	11	19	2	43	13	20	18		21					
Lawrence	14			1	1		1		0	1	14	0	8	6	7	7			2	8	1	8	7	7	3	3					
North Shore	21	2	1		3	0	1	0	1	2	22	1	7	15	21	1				3	20	3	6	6		12					
Wellesley	185		1	5	6	1	3			4	187	2	67	120	80	107	8	8	25	47	106	23	25	30	6	75					
TOTAL	968	2	13	8	23	3	14	5	5	0	27	964	(4)	388	576	655	309	43	29	79	261	1	431	82	134	166	59	404			
Sandwich QM																															
Allen's Neck	91	2	4	1	7					0	98	7	31	67	86	12	10			37	23	9	6	14		20					
Dartmouth*	104				0					0	104	0	42	62	77	27	1	3	8	25	36	14	8	12		8					
Martha's Vineyard	8	1	2		3			1		1	10	2	3	9	7	3				2	8			6							
Mattapoissett	18	9			9	1				1	26	8	14	12	19	7			2	4	28	5	6	14		14					
New Bedford*	9				0					0	9	0	3	6	7	2				5	4			4		2					
North Dartmouth*	2				0					0	2	0	1	1	0	2															
Sandwich	166		1	3	4	1	5	21	1	28	142	0	58	84	123	23	10	4	10	63	62	17	22	30	2	25					
Swansea*	27				0					0	27	0	15	12	12	15															
Westport	64	1			1	1				1	64	0	30	34	64	0	8	1	6	9	20	6		9		20					
TOTAL	489	13	7	4	24	3	5	22	1	0	31	482	(7)	197	287	395	91	29	8	26	145	0	181	51	42	89	2	89			
Vassalboro QM																															
Acadia	43				0					0	43	0	20	23	35	8			2	15	15		14	8		6					
Belfast*	11				0					0	11	0	3	8	8	3	1			4	4			4		5					
China*	8				0					0	8	0	4	4	8	0															
Cobscook	23		1		1	13				13	11	0	4	7	9	2				5	6		5	5		3					
Eggemoggin Reach	2				0					0	2	0	0	2	2	0					6			6		6					
Farmington	17	1	1	1	3					0	20	3	5	15	11	9			1	5	12	3	6	10		7					
Midcoast	51		2	2	4					0	55	4	21	34	43	12			2	29	38	5	5	17		15					
Narramissic Valley	11	2			2					0	13	2	4	9	11	3					9			9		3					
North Fairfield*	22				0					0	22	0	7	15	16	6															
Orono	21				0					0	21	0	11	10	14	7			2	5	6			5		5					
Pond Town*	10				0					0	10	0	4	6	9	1															
Vassalboro	73				0			2		2	71	0	33	38	49	22				25	35	11		15		14					
Winthrop	29		1		1		1			1	29	0	4	25	21	8	11			14	20	3	8	14		23					
TOTAL	321	3	5	3	11	13	0	1	2	0	16	316	(5)	120	196	236	81	1	11	7	102	0	151	22	38	93	0	87			
GRAND TOTALS		3964	28	43	23	94	48	44	55	18	0	165	3893	(71)	1544	2337	2819	1066	157	89	236	1049	2	1612	316	687	699	94	1163		

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